

**Powers not forfeited.** SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That if the qualified voters of said town shall at any time neglect to hold an election for any officer or officers to be elected under this act, the powers of such voters under this act shall not be forfeited, but the officers previously elected shall be continued until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

**Term of office.** SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That the burgess and commissioners shall hold the office to which they have each respectively been elected for one year from the third Monday in May next ensuing his election, and until his or their successors shall be elected and qualified; and a failure to qualify for two weeks after the election of the burgess or any commissioner shall create a vacancy in such respective office.

**Quorum.** SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That four of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and in case of vacancy in the office of commissioners by death, removal out of the corporate town, resignation, refusal to qualify or other disqualifications, a majority of the qualified commissioners shall elect commissioners to fill such vacancy or vacancies for the remainder of the term and until a successor or successors shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town, and shall have qualified; and if a vacancy shall occur in the office of burgess by any of the causes of vacancy mentioned in this section, the chairman of the commissioners shall act as burgess for the unexpired term.

**Vacancy—how filled.**

**Oath or affirmation.** SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That the burgess, commissioners and all other officers designated by the ordinances of said corporation or this act, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do swear or affirm as the case may be that I will faithfully execute the office of ..... to the best of my judgment and ability, without favor or affection.

**Appoint clerk.** SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That the burgess and commissioners, or a majority of them, shall appoint a clerk to said corporate town from among the qualified voters thereof, who shall keep, accurately, minutes of the proceedings of said burgess and commissioners, and shall enter all laws and ordinances passed by them in a well bound book,