

its regular place of meeting, at which meeting it shall be the duty of the Mayor to be present, to receive the election returns as provided in the preceding section, and it shall be the duty of the said Mayor and City Council to issue certificates of election to the persons who shall appear to have been elected and are returned elected by the judges and clerks of election on or before the Saturday after any such election, stating in each certificate the office to which the person therein named has been elected and his term of office.

613. In case of a failure to elect a Mayor and at least three members of the City Council those in office shall continue to serve and perform the duties thereof pending an election, and the said Board of Election Supervisors shall give notice for a special election to be held on the second Monday after the third Monday in April, in the same manner as provided for a regular election, and such special election shall be held in all respects as is provided for a general election under the provisions hereof, and the returns thereof shall be made in the same manner.

614. If, during the term of said City Councilmen more than two vacancies occur in the City Council, the said Board of Election Supervisors shall call a special election to fill such vacancies, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, without regard to whether said vacancies be caused by removal from the town or from any other cause; but in the event that not more than two vacancies occur in the City Council at any one time the three remaining members of the City Council shall fill the same by election of a duly qualified person or persons, and in the event of such vacancy or vacancies being ward councilmen a resident of such ward or wards in which such vacancy or vacancies exist shall be elected; and in the event of the absence from the town or the inability of the Mayor for more than twenty-four hours; or in the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor the President of the City Council shall act as Mayor until the Mayor shall return or such inability shall cease, or until said office shall be filled at the next regular election.

REGISTRATION.

615. The Board of Election Supervisors shall act as a Board of Registration and after giving notice by publication in at least one newspaper published in said town not less than eight days before the first day of registra-