the corporate limits thereof for six months next preceding the election, and all male citizens of the United States who own any interest in real estate, or on houses in said town, of the age of twenty-one years and over, shall, on the first Monday in May, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and shall, every two years thereafter, on the first Monday in May, elect from among the male citizens of said town, who are legal voters, and have resided within its corporate limits for twelve months next preceding the date of such election—they being tax-payers on either real or personal property therein—a Mayor and four Common Councilmen, to serve for two years from the date of their election, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, and the services of said Mayor and Common Councilmen shall be gratuitous and without pay.

Election.

Notice.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That T. H. Simmons, Frank Thrasher and T. H. Schoolfield be and they are hereby appointed Judges of Election to hold the first election under this act, who shall give at least five days' notice by posting not less than three written or printed notices in three or more conspicuous public places in said town, of the time and place at which said election shall be held; and the said Judges of Election, before opening the polls, shall take an oath before some Justice of the Peace of said county, to permit every qualified voter as aforesaid to vote, and none other; and a majority of said three Judges shall have power to do all things named under this section in case one of them dies or refuses to act; and said Judges shall keep the polls open at least three consecutive hours, and shall record the names of the voters, and after the closing of the polls shall at once count the ballots and announce the result, and make and sign a certificate thereof, to be filed among the records of said corporation; and the said Mayor and Common Councilmen so elected, shall, as soon thereafter as convenient, qualify and