

serve until the second Monday of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified; and a failure to qualify within fifteen days after their election, shall be deemed a refusal on the part of the party or person so failing to accept the office to which he has been elected.

Qualify.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if any person so elected either as Mayor or Common Councilman, shall refuse to serve as such, or his place shall become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the Common Councilmen, or a majority of them, in the event of any vacancy of the Mayoralty as above provided, shall fill such vacancy as early as possible from among the qualified voters of said town; and the person so appointed to fill said vacancy shall hold the office until the next election; and in the event of a vacancy or vacancies among the Common Councilmen, they shall at once proceed to fill said vacancy from among the qualified voters of the town, and the person or persons so appointed shall hold said office until the next election.

Vacancy.

Fill vacancy.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall be from time to time directed by the laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

All future elections.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and each Common Councilman, before he acts as such, shall make oath before a Justice of the Peace in and for Garrett county, that he will perform the duties of Mayor or Common Councilman, as the case may be, of said town, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be made by said Justice of the Peace, and shall be filed and recorded among the records of proceedings of said corporation,

Oaths.