

residents of said town next preceding the election, and at least twenty-five years of age; they shall take the oath of office as hereinafter prescribed for town officers, and remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 6. In case of a vacancy in the office of burgess, by death or otherwise, then, and in that event, the assistant burgess shall hold the office of burgess, with all its powers, rights and duties, until the next general election, and he shall take oath of office and qualify as required of the burgess; and the commissioners, at any general or special meeting, shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of the assistant burgess, and the person receiving a majority of the whole number of members of the commissioners shall be entitled to fill the office of assistant burgess of said town for the unexpired term caused by thus becoming burgess; and the clerk of said burgess and commissioners, and if there be no clerk elected, the regular chosen secretary of the said burgess and commissioners, shall certify the vote so taken to elect such successor, under his hand and seal of the town, to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington county within five days after such election; and the clerk of said court, on receipt thereof, shall immediately notify the persons elected, who shall in three days qualify by taking the oath of office hereinafter provided for town officers; and if such person shall fail to qualify as hereinafter provided, another election shall be held, and so on till the vacancy is finally filled.

SEC. 7. The burgess, by virtue of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners, and in case of a tie, shall have the deciding vote; and in the absence of the burgess, the assistant burgess shall assume all the duties of the burgess. The burgess shall see that the ordinances of the town are faithfully executed, and shall report to the commissioners at its first meeting, after the first day of January in each and every year, the condition of the municipal affairs. He shall have the power of vetoing any ordinance as provided for in section —; and for his service shall receive an annual salary of ten dollars; and the assistant burgess shall receive for his services an annual salary of ten dollars; and neither burgess or assistant burgess shall receive any other fee or compensation whatever.

SEC. 8. And at the same time and in the same manner as provided for in section five of this act for electing burgess and assistant burgess, there shall be elected five commissioners for