

given and trial had before the Mayor. The terms of all municipal officials appointed by the Mayor shall be four years, unless otherwise provided for in this Article. All municipal officials who are appointed by the Mayor shall be appointed in the month of September succeeding his election, and enter into their respective offices on the first Monday in October, immediately following their respective appointments, or as soon thereafter as their appointments have been confirmed, as above provided, if appointed or confirmed subsequent thereto; but the Mayor first chosen under this Article shall appoint said officials in the month of February succeeding his election, subject to confirmation by the Second Branch of the City Council, and they shall enter upon their duties on the succeeding first of March, and shall hold office until their successors under the provisions of this Article are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed under the provisions of this Article. All municipal officials, boards and commissioners in office under the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, upon the date of the passage of this Article, unless otherwise provided in this Article, shall hold their respective offices under existing laws and ordinances, the same as if this Article had not been passed, until their successors are appointed, as provided in this section, in February nineteen hundred; they shall be subject to removal, as provided in said laws and ordinances, and all vacancies occurring in said offices shall be filled as now provided for in said existing laws and ordinances; said municipal officials, boards and commissioners shall perform the duties respectively now prescribed by existing laws and ordinances which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, and they shall also perform such additional duties as may be required to be performed by such officers in this Article. The Mayor first elected under the provisions of this Article, shall organize the municipal government of Baltimore City, as provided for in said Article, and appoint the heads of departments, sub-departments, municipal officers, boards and commissions provided for therein, in the month of February, nineteen hundred. All persons appointed by the Mayor, as well as those municipal officials elected by the people or by the joint convention of the City Council, shall, before entering upon the