discharge of their respective duties, qualify by taking before the Mayor an oath to faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices, and that they will support the Laws and Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Maryland. A test book shall be kept by the Mayor, which shall be signed at the time of taking the oath aforesaid by said officials, and after the qualification aforesaid, the Mayor shall issue to the said officials a commission signed by himself with the corporate seal attached. All vacancies occurring in any of the offices which the Mayor is empowered to fill, during the recess of the Second Branch, unless otherwise provided in this Article, shall be filled by the Mayor until the next regular meeting of the Second Branch, at which meeting the Mayor shall present the name of a person for confirmation to fill said vacancy, and the mode and manner of procedure in such a case shall be the same as provided for in this section for other appointments by the Mayor and confirmation by the Second Branch.

26. No person shall at any time hold more than one office yielding pecuniary compensation under the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. All municipal officials, except females, shall be registered voters of the City of Baltimore.

27. All heads of departments, heads of sub-departments, municipal officers not embraced in a department, or special commissions or boards, provided for in this Article, shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed or elected and qualified.

28. The heads of departments, heads of sub-departments, municipal officers not embraced in a department, and all special commissions or boards shall have the sole power of appointment and removal at pleasure of all deputies, assistants, clerks and subordinate employees employed by them, unless otherwise provided in this Article.

29. All heads of departments shall have the privilege of the floor in the First Branch of the City Council at its sittings, and shall be entitled to participate in the discussion of matters