

of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly, and such other clerical assistants as may be prescribed by ordinance not inconsistent with this Article. In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of City Register by removal or otherwise, the joint convention of the two Branches of the City Council shall forthwith fill said vacancy. He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance not inconsistent with this Article; *provided*, the present incumbent of the office of City Register shall hold his office until the expiration of his term, as now provided under existing laws and ordinances, and should a vacancy occur in said office, a successor shall be appointed by a joint convention of the City Council for the balance of said term.

**36.** The Board of Estimates shall be the head of the third sub-department of Finance, and shall consist of the Mayor, City Solicitor, Comptroller, President of the Second Branch City Council and President of the Board of Public Improvements. The first meeting of said Board in every year shall be called by notice from the Mayor or President of the Second Branch of the City Council, personally served upon members of the said Board. Subsequent meetings shall be called as the said Board may direct. The President of the Second Branch shall be President of said Board, and one of the number shall act as Secretary, and said Board may employ such clerks as may be necessary to discharge its duties, their number and compensation shall be fixed by ordinance. The said Board shall have power at any time to summon before it the heads of the departments and sub-departments, and all municipal officers and special commissions or boards. The said Board shall annually, between the first day of October and the first day of November, meet, and by an affirmative vote of a majority of all the members make out the following three lists of moneys to be appropriated by the City Council for the next ensuing fiscal year.

First—A list, to be known as the "Departmental Estimates," of the amounts estimated to be required to pay the expenses of conducting the public business for the next ensuing fiscal year, including the expenditures by the City Council for the salaries of its members, officers and expenses; said list shall be prepared in such detail, as to the aggregate sum and the items