

wards, being citizens of the United States, who have resided in the said town for and during a period of six months next preceding the third Tuesday in April in each and every year, at some suitable place for holding an election in said town, are hereby authorized to elect a Mayor and four Councilmen for said town, who shall be owners of real estate and taxpayers on assessment of not less than five hundred dollars, and shall have resided within the limits of the said town for a period of two years next preceding the election; also a clerk and a bailiff, each of whom shall have resided in the said town for two years, or owners of real estate and qualified to vote at said election. The Mayor elected under this Act shall serve for one year, or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified; the Councilmen elected under this Act shall serve for one and two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified; and it is herein provided that two Councilmen receiving the highest number of votes at the first election shall be elected for two years, and the two receiving the lowest number of votes shall be elected for one year, and at the second election two Councilmen shall be elected to serve for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, so that there shall always be two Councilmen holding over. The clerk and the bailiff to be elected under this Act shall, after they shall have qualified, hold their respective offices or serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted.* That the Mayor, Councilmen, clerk and bailiff elected under the provisions of this Act shall qualify on the first Monday in May in every year, next succeeding their respective elections, by taking the following oath, to be administered by some justice of the peace: "I, _____, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise and swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of Mayor, Councilmen, clerk or bailiff, as the case may be, to the best of my ability, without fear, favor, partiality or prejudice," and at their annual meeting, on the first Monday in May in each and every year, the Mayor and Council, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint a treasurer and attorney, and to allow them such compensation as they may deem necessary; and they shall also have power to appoint policemen and such other officers as they may deem necessary, and the said bailiff and policemen shall serve warrants and make arrests for the violations of the ordinances of said town, and for these purposes the bailiff and policemen are hereby vested with the same power and authority as constables of said county now have under the laws of this State, and such policemen and other officer shall receive such compensation as the said Mayor and Councilmen shall deem