

portion the membership of the Town Council among said districts and provide for the election of individual members of the Council from the respective districts in such manner as it may deem proper and best calculated to secure a fair representation of the citizens of the town in the Council; and otherwise to make provision for the holding and conduct of elections, general and special, in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the newly elected Town Council shall meet on the Saturday following their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and take the oath of office to support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, and to perform their respective duties as Mayor and as members of the Town Council of North Beach to the best of their ability, without fear, favor or partiality.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Councilmen shall serve for one year from the date of their election and until their successors are elected and qualified, and the service rendered by said Mayor and Councilmen, as such, shall be gratuitous and without pay, unless and until compensation be authorized and fixed by a vote of the citizens.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor, by virtue of his office, may call upon any officer of said town entrusted with the receipt and expenditure of public money for a statement of his accounts at any time he may deem necessary. He shall see that the ordinances of the Council are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually to the Town Council the general state of the affairs of the town, with an accurate account of all moneys received and expended during the preceding year, as shown by the treasurer's books, such report to be made public for the information of the citizens. He shall act as presiding officer of the Town Council, and, in case of a tie, shall have the deciding vote.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That in case of temporary absence or disability of the Mayor, the Council may designate one of its members to act in his stead ad interim; such appointee to have during such appointment all the powers and jurisdiction hereby conferred upon the Mayor.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the Council shall meet regularly at least once each month during the months of June, July, August and September, and as often during the remainder of the year as it may deem proper, for the dispatch of business. All such meetings shall be public; provided, that, pursuant to a vote of a majority of the members present, an execu-