

CHAP. 141. persons elected, to the clerk of Washington county, to be by him safe kept.

Place of election

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said justices of the peace shall have power to fix upon the place of holding the first election; and that all future elections shall be held and conducted in such manner, and at such place, as shall from time to time be directed by the by-laws of the said corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Future elections

Burgess

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess shall preside at all meetings of the municipality, and shall have the privilege of the casting vote only; and in his absence the assistant burgess shall preside, under the same restrictions; but when the burgess is present, the assistant burgess shall have the same power and authority as one of the commissioners.

Assistant Burgess

Meetings

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, may meet together from time to time, as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the town, and not less than once in every three months; and if during the year for which they may be elected, the burgess, assistant burgess, or any of the commissioners, should die, resign, remove from said town, or be from any cause disqualified, an election to fill such vacancy shall be held, of which ten days notice shall be given, at which all persons specified in the second section of this act, shall be entitled to vote; and if at any election a choice of burgess, assistant burgess and commissioners, should fail to be made, by a tie or equality of votes, a second election shall be held, after not less than ten days notice, and so on until such choice be made, always confining the choice to be made to those who may have such equality of votes; and that the burgesses and commissioners aforesaid, for the time being, shall continue in office until their successors be duly elected.

Vacancies

Case of a tie

Clerk—his duties, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the burgesses and commissioners aforesaid, shall have power to appoint a clerk and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they shall think proper and right; and that all ordinances passed by the said burgesses and commissioners, shall, by their clerk, be entered in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall be open at all times for the inspection of any