

upon the qualifications of such person as an elector under this Act. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the judges to the Council, which shall, for the purpose of considering such appeals, be in session on election day from 6 o'clock P. M. until the closing of the polls.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That in case of a tie among those receiving the votes of the electors which shall preclude a decision that any one has received the highest number of votes for Mayor or Treasurer, or that any six have received the highest number of votes for councilmen, in that event the Council shall designate one of said persons, to be Mayor or Treasurer, and Councilmen, as the case may be, and shall issue a certificate of election accordingly.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if any person elected as Mayor, Treasurer or Councilman shall refuse to serve as such or his place shall become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, then the other members of the Council shall fill the vacancy as early thereafter as possible by appointment from among the qualified electors of the town; provided, that if such vacancy occurs by reason of failure to qualify as provided in Section 12, within two weeks after notice of his election, or otherwise within one month from the date of election, then and in that case the person receiving the next highest number of votes for such office at such election shall be deemed to have been elected and entitled to qualify.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the Council is hereby empowered, at any time that it shall be deemed advisable, to divide the town into election districts, and apportion the membership of the Council among said districts, and provide for the election of individual members of 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 provisions 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 Council, Mayor and Treasurer, shall meet on the Monday following their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not later than July 1st of any year, and take the oath of office before the Mayor or a justice of the peace of Calvert County, Maryland, to support and maintain the Con-