

sistent with the provisions of this Act for their own government while in session. Any Councilman absent from three consecutive meetings, without excuse, shall constitute a vacancy. All vacancies occurring in elective offices shall be filled by the Mayor and Town Council by special election to be called by the Mayor as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the vacancy. The Council shall have power to call a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor. The Mayor shall preside at the meeting of the Council and shall call meetings from time to time as he may deem necessary, but in case of his absence from any meeting, the Councilman present shall elect one of their members to preside who shall for the time being have all the authority of the Mayor.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 7 of the Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland, entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Brentwood as enacted by the Acts of the General Assembly of 1922, Chapter No. 153, specifying the manner of holding town elections, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

7. That there shall be appointed annually on or before May 15th by the Mayor and Common Council a Board of Election Commissioners, consisting of three judges, two of whom shall be designated by the chairman of said Board to act as registration officers, and shall perform such duties as are hereinafter defined.

(a) The registration officers shall cause to be made a registration of the legal voters of said town, which registration shall be essential to the right to vote at any election under this charter. Such officers shall sit in public for two days, on each day from one o'clock P. M. to eight o'clock P. M., the first sitting to be at least fifteen days prior to the town election after at least one week's notice by publication in one or more newspapers published in Prince George's County, and a proper notice posted on or near the premises to be used for the sitting of said registration officers, at which time and place of their sitting all the qualified voters legally entitled to vote may register; and the said officers, before entering upon their duties, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace of Prince George's County to permit every qualified voter, and none other, to register; and each of said registration officers shall have the power to do any and all things required by this Sec-