

officers, and remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

729. In case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, by death or otherwise, the Vice-Mayor shall hold the office of Mayor during the unexpired term, after taking the oath of office as required of the Mayor; and the Council shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term of the Vice-Mayor by a majority vote of their number. The person so elected shall, within three days, qualify as hereinafter provided; and if such person shall fail to so qualify another election shall be held, and so on until the vacancy is filled.

731. At the same time and in the same manner as provided for the election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor, there shall be elected five Councilmen, whose qualifications shall be the same as those of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor. The Vice-Mayor and Councilmen shall each receive for his services twenty-five cents for each regular or called meeting at which he shall be present; whenever one or two vacancies may occur in the office of Councilmen, such vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as that provided for in Section 729 in the case of Vice-Mayor; but should three or more vacancies occur at one time the Mayor shall order an election to be held in conformity with the provisions for regular elections, to fill the unexpired terms. Any person wishing to be a candidate for the office of Mayor, Vice-Mayor or Councilman shall file a petition with the Mayor of the town not less than ten (10) days before the time for holding any town election, indicating the officer for which he is a candidate and only the names of those persons who so file shall be placed upon the ballots or voted upon at said election.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That wherever the word "Burgess" occurs in any of the Sections 725 to 752 of said Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), the word "Mayor" shall be used, and wherever the word "Assistant Burgess" occurs the word "Vice-Mayor" shall be used, and wherever the word "Commissioners" occurs the word "Council" or "Councilmen", as the case may be, shall be used, to the same extent as if said words had been originally included in said sections.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved April 23, 1941.