

to his signature his place of residence. One of the signers of each such paper shall make oath before an officer competent to administer oaths that the statements therein made are true as he believes, and that each signature to the paper appended is a genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Within ten days from the date of filing such petition the town clerk shall examine and from the voters registered ascertain whether or not petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified electors, and, if necessary, the Mayor and Council shall allow him extra help for that purpose; and he shall attach to said petition his certificate showing the result of said examination. If by the town clerk's certificate the petition is shown to be insufficient it may be amended within ten days from the date of said certificate. The town clerk shall, within ten days after such amendment, make like examination of the amended petition, and if his certificate shall show the same to be insufficient, it shall be returned to the person filing the same, without prejudice, however, to the filing of a new petition to the same effect. If the petition shall be deemed to be sufficient, the town clerk shall submit the same to the Mayor and Council without delay. If the petition shall be found to be sufficient, the Mayor and Council shall order and fix a date for holding the said election, not less than thirty days or more than forty days from the date of the town clerk's certificate to the Mayor and Council that a sufficient petition is filed. The Mayor and Council shall make or cause to be made publication of notice and all arrangements for holding such election, and the same shall be conducted, returned and the result thereof declared, in all respects as are other city elections. So far as applicable, except as otherwise provided herein, nominations hereunder shall be made as hereinbefore provided under the section entitled "Nominations" by filing with the town clerk at least ten (10) days prior to said special election a statement of candidacy, accompanied by a petition signed by electors entitled to vote at said special election equal in number to at least ten per centum of the entire vote for all candidates for the office of Mayor at the last preceding general municipal election. The ballot to be used at such special election shall be as far as practicable in the same general form as the ballot to be used at a general election.

(3) The successor of any officer so removed shall hold office during the unexpired term of his predecessor. Any person sought to be removed may be a candidate to succeed himself and unless he requests otherwise in writing,