

1843. FRANCIS THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

CHAP. 47. SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any justice of the peace shall appoint judges writing under his hand and seal, three judges to hold the first election, who shall keep the polls open from one till five o'clock P. M., on the day aforesaid, and shall certify under their hands and seals that the election was fairly conducted and in accordance with the provisions of this act, declaring the persons having the highest number of votes to be duly elected, said papers shall be entered on the records of the corporation.

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Future elections by corporation. SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be conducted as the corporation by their by-laws may direct defining more fully the qualifications of officers and voters for said corporation.

Burgess to preside. SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess shall preside at all meetings of the municipality, and have the privilege of the casting vote only, in his absence, the oldest commissioner present shall preside, subject to the same restrictions.

To meet once in every three months. SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess and commissioners may meet together from time to time as often as the business of the town may require, and not less than once in three months, and if a vacancy occurs by any means, in the office of burgess or commissioners, the same shall be filled by a new election of which at least ten days notice shall be given, at which election the same qualification of voters will be required as at the annual election.

Appoint clerk, SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess and commissioners shall have power to appoint a clerk, and assign his duties, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think right, (any commissioner except the oldest may be such clerk,) and that all ordinances passed by said commissioners and signed by the burgess, and all other papers that they may direct, shall by their clerk be entered in a book of records to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall be open at all time, for inspection of persons interested, and copies of all ordinances shall be put up in the most public places in said town, that the same may be generally made known.

Fines—how collected. SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures under the ordinances of said corporation and the laws of this State, within its limits, shall be recoverable before the burgess aforesaid, as small debts are recoverable out of court, by a single justice of the peace, or the same may be recovered before a justice of the peace of the county, in the absence of the burgess, or at his request, for the use of the corporation, *provided*, that no fine or forfeiture under any ordinance of said corporation shall exceed the sum of twenty dollars.

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