

48. *Judges of Election.* The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall, at least five days prior to holding any primary, general, or special election, appoint as many resident qualified voters of the city as it may deem necessary to act as judges of the election. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall endeavor to assure that not more than one-half of the judges so appointed shall be of the same political party.

49. *False Returns.* If any of the judges of election wilfully shall make a false return, he or they shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one or more than ten years.

50. *Conduct of Elections.* The judges shall keep the polls open from 7 o'clock A. M. to 7 o'clock P. M. They shall within twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls return under their hands and seals the number of votes cast for each person and for what office or object, together with the ballots, taken in sealed packages to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, who shall canvass said returns and preserve said ballots for at least two months.

51. *Challengers.* Challengers and watchers representing the candidates in any primary or city election shall be allowed to be present at the several voting places during the voting and counting of the ballots as provided by law with respect to general elections.

52. *Vacancies.* In case of a vacancy for any reason in the council, the council within four weeks of the occurrence of the vacancy shall elect some qualified person to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. In case of a vacancy for any reason in the office of mayor, the council within four weeks of the occurrence of the vacancy shall elect some qualified person to serve as acting mayor for the unexpired term. Any vacancies in either the council or the office of mayor shall be filled by a majority vote of all the members of the council. In case the mayor or any councilman shall fail to qualify within five days of notification of election, a vacancy shall exist to be filled as provided in this section. The council shall immediately certify any vote so taken to the city clerk. The city clerk shall record the vote and shall forthwith notify the person so elected, who shall within five days of notice qualify in the same manner as regularly elected city officials.

53. *Failure to Act.* Should any person fail to perform any duties which are prescribed for him under Sections 34