

same manner and with the same personnel, as far as practicable, as regular city elections.

PRESERVATION OF BALLOTS

70. All ballots used in any primary, special, or regular city election shall be preserved for at least six months from the date of the election.

VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE OFFICES

71. In case of a vacancy for any reason in the board of aldermen, the board of aldermen within four weeks of the occurrence of the vacancy shall elect some qualified pired term-, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PERSON SO CHOSEN TO FILL SUCH VACANCY SHALL BE OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS THE ALDERMAN WHOSE PLACE IS TO BE FILLED. In the case of a vacancy for any reason in the office of mayor, the board of aldermen within four weeks of the occurrence of the vacancy shall elect some qualified person to serve as mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. In case of a vacancy for any reason in the office of city register and collector of taxes, the board of alderman within four weeks of the occurrence of the vacancy shall elect some qualified person to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any vacancies in the board of aldermen, the office of mayor, or the office of city register and collector of taxes shall be filled by the favorable votes of a majority of the remaining members of the board of aldermen. In case the mayor or any alderman or the city register and collector of taxes shall fail to qualify within 30 days of notification of election by the city register and collector of taxes, a vacancy shall exist to be filled as provided in this section. The board of aldermen shall record the results of any such vote taken in its minutes and shall certify the result to the office of city register and collector of taxes. The office of city register and collector of taxes shall forthwith notify the person so elected, who shall within five days of notice qualify in the same manner as regularly elected city officials.

WOMEN

72. Women shall have equal privileges with men in registering, voting, and holding city offices if they have the same qualifications required for men. Whenever the masculine gender has been used as to any registering, vot-