

Pocomoke City shall each continue in office and serve out in full the respective term for which they were elected under the previous charter of the town and until their successors and the successor of each of them shall be duly elected or appointed and qualified under the provisions of this Act.

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(j) The registered voters shall, on the first Tuesday in April, nineteen hundred and forty, and on the same day every second year thereafter, elect by ballot one person to be Mayor of Pocomoke City, and also on the first Tuesday in April, nineteen hundred and [thirty-nine, elect by ballot one person to be Councilman of said Town,] *fifty-one, elect by ballot three persons to be Councilmen of said town, one of whom shall be elected for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years,* and on the same day in every year thereafter, the said registered voters shall elect by ballot [one person to be Councilman] *a person or persons, as the case may be,* to succeed the Councilman or Councilmen, *as the case may be,* whose term of office is then about to expire, and at any such election, vote on any questions submitted to them under the provisions of law, and elect, as hereinafter provided, a person or persons, as the case may be, to fill any office or offices vacated by resignation, death, removal or otherwise. Providing that nothing in this Act shall in any way affect the term, powers or duties of the present Mayor and the present members of the Council.

202. The Mayor-elect and also each Councilman-elect shall without delay appear before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County, Maryland, and make the oath or affirmation and declaration prescribed by the Constitution and having secured from said Clerk a certificate of his or her said declaration and oath, shall return the same to the town clerk to be recorded among the proceedings of the Mayor and Council. And if any such person so elected Mayor or Councilman shall fail to qualify as above required on or before the first Monday in May next succeeding his or her election, the office to which he or she was elected shall be declared vacant and the vacancy shall be filled in the manner hereinafter provided for the filling of a vacancy in said office. If any vacancy shall happen in the office of Councilman by reason of resignation, death, removing from office, change of residence, failure to qualify or otherwise, the remaining Councilmen shall appoint some person having the qualifications required for Councilman of Pocomoke City to fill the vacancy until the next annual election of town officials, at such election, the qualified voters shall elect a person to fill such unexpired