

CHAP. 299. notice of any election to be held in said city, at such place as they may designate, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon, and six o'clock in the evening, on the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and fifty, for a mayor and five common councilmen of said city, at which election, the said three commissioners and judges, or any two of them, shall preside, and shall take and receive the votes of all inhabitants within said city limits who shall be qualified to vote, at said time, for members of the House of Delegates of the State, and said judges shall have power to appoint a clerk, who shall make a record of the names of such voters, and of the persons voted for, and that the person who shall have received the highest number of votes, and shall be twenty-five years of age, and who shall have resided two years previous within said city limits, shall be elected mayor of said city, and the five who shall respectively have received the highest number of votes, and shall be twenty-one years of age, and shall have resided one year previous within said city limits, shall be elected members of the common council, of which number said council shall consist, and said commissioners and judges shall give notice to the persons elected of their election, and hand over to the mayor the record of votes of said election to be recorded, and the provisions of this section, as to votes, qualifications of candidates, and number of councilmen, shall be the fundamental law of said city, and the mayor and common councilmen so elected, shall act as such from the third Monday of May next ensuing the election, for and during one year, and until their successors shall be duly elected.

Day of election
prescribed, etc.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That an election for mayor and common councilmen, shall be held on the first Monday of May in each and every year, of which at least two weeks notice shall be given by the mayor, under the direction of three judges, or any two of them to be appointed by the mayor; and said judges shall be governed by the same rules as are hereinbefore prescribed for the direction of the commissioners named, and in case said notice shall not be given, or said judges shall not be appointed as aforesaid, or shall refuse to act on the day of election, it shall and may be lawful for any five or more of the voters of said city to call an election for said officers, by notices set up in the most public places in said city, not less than one week previous to the holding such elections, therein naming the time and place of holding said elections, and naming three judges thereof, who, or any two of whom, shall be clothed with the authority and be governed by the rules herein,