

4. *And be it enacted,* That all persons qualified to be elected delegates to the general assembly for the city of Annapolis, and none others, shall be eligible as mayor, aldermen, or common council-men of said city.

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Persons qualified to be elected delegates to be eligible as mayor, &c. Powers of present mayor, &c. to cease after qualification of persons to be elected.

5. *And be it enacted.* That the persons who shall have become elected mayor, aldermen and common council-men, as aforesaid, on the first Monday in April one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, shall proceed to qualify agreeably to this act, and that thereupon, all the powers, functions and duties, of the present mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council-men, shall cease and determine; *Provided nevertheless,* that all the officers now in commission shall continue to exercise their appointments until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, and that all obligations, debts or contracts, suits or claims, in law or equity, shall continue to be binding, and of as full effect on all parties, as if no alteration had been made in the charter of said city.

Proviso:

6. *And be it enacted,* That in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal of the mayor out of the limits of the city, the aldermen and common council-men, for the time being, shall elect a mayor for the residue of the term; and in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal from the limits of the city of an alderman, the board of aldermen and common council-men for the time being, shall proceed to elect, by joint ballot, an alderman to fill the vacancy for the residue of the term; and in case of the death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal from the limits of the city, of a member of the common council, the mayor for the time being, shall, within ten days after such death, refusal, disqualification, resignation, or removal from the limits of the said city, issue a writ of election to supply such vacancy for the residue of the term.

Vacancies, how to be supplied.

7. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council-men, shall hold their first session in the city of Annapolis on the second Monday of April eighteen hundred and nineteen, and on the second Monday of each and every month in every year thereafter; but the mayor may summon them to convene whenever and as often as it may appear to him that the interest of the city may require their deliberations; a majority of the aldermen and common council-men shall be a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day; they may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner, and under such penalties, as they may by ordinance provide; they shall settle their rules of proceedings, appoint their own officers and remove them at pleasure; they shall judge of their elections, returns and qualifications of their own members, and may with the concurrence of a majority of the whole number, expel any member for disorderly behaviour or malconduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays upon any question, resolve or ordinance, if required by any one member, and their deliberations shall be public.

First session to be held on second Monday, of April-1819, &c.

8. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor, recorder, aldermen and common council, shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all laws and ordinances necessary to preserve the health of the city; prevent and remove nuisances; to prevent the introduction of

Powers, of mayor &c.