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3. In each County incorporated under this Act, there shall be a County Council, consisting of a Warden and Councillors, to be elected as hereinafter provided; every member of such County Council must be an inhabitant of the County, seized and possessed at the time of his election of Real Estate within the limits thereof of the value of not less than one hundred and fifty pounds currency, over and above all incumbrances.

4. When any County is incorporated under this Act, the Collectors of Rates in each Parish shall at least ten days previous to the day hereinafter appointed for the election of Councillors, and so annually thereafter from year to year, furnish the Town Clerk with correct lists, certified under their hands, of all the rate payers upon property within such Parish, who were rated for Parish and County Rates at the last assessment, and who have paid the same at the date of making out such list, which lists shall be furnished by the said Town Clerks respectively, to the Chairman elected to preside at the Meeting, as provided for in the sixth section of this Act; if any Rate Collector fails to furnish such certified list to the Town Clerk by or within the time limited therefor, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before two Justices of the Peace, shall be committed to the County Gaol, there to remain without bail or mainprize until such lists be furnished.

5. Every Parish shall be entitled to elect two Councillors, and no Parish shall elect more than two.

6. Within three months after the granting of any County Charter in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, and on the first Monday in July in every year thereafter, the electors in every incorporated County shall proceed to the election of Councillors; and it shall be the duty of each Town Clerk to give twenty days public notice in writing of the time and place of holding such election, and post the same in three of the most public places in the Parish; and the electors present shall proceed to elect a Chairman, who shall preside at the Election in the same.

7. If at any Election for Councillors a Poll is demanded by a Candidate or any three Electors then present, the same shall be granted by the presiding Officer:

The meeting shall begin at nine o'clock in the morning, and the poll be kept open until the hour of five in the afternoon, and no later:

The votes shall be taken by ballot, each elector putting in the ballot box a slip of paper with the names of the two Candidates for whom he votes written or printed thereon; at the hour of closing the poll the presiding Officer shall, in the presence of one Elector, to be chosen by each Candidate and sworn as tellers, and in the presence of the Electors who may choose to remain, open the ballot box, and taking out each ballot separately, read aloud the names written thereon, so as to be taken down by each teller, and when the whole of the ballots shall be so read aloud and taken down, the presiding Officer shall declare the two Candidates elected who have the majority of votes, and shall also declare aloud the number of votes polled for each candidate, and in case any two candidates shall have an equal number of votes, the presiding Officer is required to give a casting vote for one of such candidates, and so determine the election:

The presiding Officer within two days after the close of the election, under the penalty of twenty shillings for each day's delay thereafter, shall make return in writing of the Councillors elected at the first election to the Sheriff of the County, and at any subsequent election, to the Secretary Treasurer of the Council, to whom he shall deliver a list of the number of votes given for each candidate, and such list shall be open for the inspection of every member of the Corporation who shall apply for the same.

8. Before the presiding Officer shall allow any votes to be polled, he shall take the oath No. 1, in the Schedule annexed, before some Justice of the Peace for the County in which the election is held; which oath such Justice is hereby empowered and required to administer, and the Justice shall certify such oath in the Poll Book for the election.

9. The presiding Officer, if he see fit, or if required by a candidate, may administer to any person claiming a vote the oath No. 2, in the Schedule annexed; and no other proof of qualification shall then be required of such person.

10. No person shall vote at the election of Councillors unless of the male sex of the full age of twenty one years, and a subject of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, nor unless he shall be a rate payer on property in the Parish, and shall have been assessed for and paid his rates and taxes up to the time of such election, nor unless his name shall so appear on the list furnished to the Town Clerk by the Collector of Rates for the Parish, under the provisions of the fourth section of this Act.