

said Town of the value of twenty five pounds or upwards; at every subsequent election all persons of the full age of twenty one years who shall have resided within the said Town for the period of two years, and shall have been assessed upon property in the Assessment next preceding such election, and non-residents who shall have been assessed as aforesaid for real estate within the said Town of the value of twenty five pounds or upwards, and shall have paid all rates and taxes due previous to such election, shall be qualified to vote; the evidence of such payment shall be a receipt from the Collector of Rates, who is hereby required to furnish the same under a penalty of forty shillings for each refusal.

7. It shall be the duty of the Assessors in each and every year, to file a copy of the Assessment List for each Ward with the Town Clerk within one month after the same shall be made up, and it shall be the duty of the said Clerk on or before the first day of March in each and every year, to make up from the assessment lists a true and correct registry or list for each Ward, of the persons qualified under this Act to vote at the next ensuing election for Mayor, Councillors, or Assessors, and shall on or before ten of the clock in the morning of the day appointed to hold any election under this Act, deliver to each of the officers appointed to hold the same a copy of the registry or list for the Ward in which he is to preside.

8. No person shall be qualified to be elected to serve in the office of Mayor or Councillor so long as he shall hold any office or place of profit in the gift or disposal of the Council, nor during such time as he shall by himself, his partner, or in any other way or manner, directly or indirectly have any share or interest in any contract or employment with or on behalf of the said Council; nor shall any person accountable for the Town revenues, or any part thereof, nor any officer or person presiding at any election of a Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, while so presiding, nor any clerk or assistant employed by him at any such elections while so employed, be elected to the office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor in the said Town: provided nevertheless, that no person shall be disqualified to serve as Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor as aforesaid, by reason of his being a proprietor or shareholder in any Company which shall or may contract with the Town Council for lighting, or supplying with water, or insuring against fire, any part of the said Town; provided always, that such disqualification shall not arise from holding any lease of land from the Corporation, and that no Councillor shall receive into his hands any moneys for and on account of any contract, work, or employment, made, done, or performed by or on behalf of, or by direction of the said Corporation, but that all moneys due by the said Corporation on any such account shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Town to the person or persons who shall have actually done such work, and shall be entitled to such moneys by, under, or for such contract, work, or employment, or to his or their order.

9. When any person duly elected to the office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, shall neglect or refuse to accept the same within the time limited, or to take the oath of office as aforesaid, the said office shall be deemed vacant, and shall be filled up by a new election to be made in the manner hereinafter provided for holding elections.

10. If any person holding the office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, remove his place of residence without the limits of the Town, or shall be absent from the meetings of the Council for

more than two months at any one time, except in case of illness or by leave of the Council first obtained, then in every such case such person shall immediately be deemed and taken to be disqualified, and shall cease to hold his office of Mayor, Councillor, or Assessor, and his place shall be filled up by a new election, to be made in the manner hereinafter directed for holding elections.

11. The first election for a Mayor, Councillors, and Assessors for the said Town after the passing of this Act, shall be held on the second Monday in May in the present year, and the annual election for a Mayor, Councillors, or Assessors as aforesaid, in all succeeding years shall be held on the second Monday in March in each and every year.

12. Public notice of the time and place for holding every such election respectively shall be given by the Clerk, by publishing such notice in one or more of the public Newspapers printed in the said Town, and by printed handbills in the several Wards, for not less than ten days previous to such election; provided always, that the elections in the several Wards for Mayor, Councillors, and Assessors, shall be held on the same day and hour.

13. At every annual election to be held under and by virtue of this Act, and before the polling commences, which shall be at ten o'clock in the forenoon, there shall be nominated by duly qualified electors out of the persons capable, including the Mayor, Councillors, and Assessor then in office, one or more persons for the office of Mayor, two or more persons for the office of Councillors in each Ward, and one or more persons for the office of Assessor in each Ward, and no vote shall be counted except those given for one or more of the persons so nominated as aforesaid.

14. At all elections to supply extraordinary vacancies, there shall be nominated in the manner hereinafter provided, and out of persons duly qualified, one or more persons according to the nature or number of vacancies so to be supplied, and the votes given for the persons so nominated only shall be counted.

15. All voting under this Act for election of Mayor, Councillors, or Assessors, shall be by ballot and not by open vote, and a separate ticket shall be given by each voter for each office then about to be filled, but a blank ticket shall not in any case be counted as a vote; and provided also, that if in sorting the votes it shall be found that two or more ballots are enclosed in the same cover, or if the name of the same person be more than once entered in the same ballot, or if any ballot shall contain a greater number of names of persons as designated to any office, than there are persons to be elected to such office, all such ballots shall be rejected in toto and destroyed.

16. At all elections to be held under this Act, the Court for nomination of candidates or persons proposed shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, by and before the officer or person appointed to hold such election; and the Poll shall open at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shall continue open until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, unless sooner closed as hereinafter provided, and the name of each elector voting at such election shall be written in a Poll List to be kept at such election by the officer or person holding the same; and after finally closing the Poll for Mayor, Councillors, or Assessors at any such election, the officer or person by whom the same shall be held, shall forthwith proceed openly and publicly to ascertain and declare the number of votes given for each of