

papers printed in the said Town (if any such there be), 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 shall be held on the same day and hour.

17. That 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 Chairman, Councillors and Assessors then in office, two or more persons for the office of Councillor 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.

18. That 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.

19. That all voting under this Act for election of 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.

20. That 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 four 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 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 the candidates or persons for whom the votes shall then have been given, and he shall also then publicly declare the person or persons having the greatest number of votes in his and their favour to be duly elected as such Councillor or Assessor, and return the number of votes given for each candidate to the Town Clerk, who shall, upon the receipt of the returns from all the Wards, declare the respective candidates having the greatest number of votes to be duly elected; and the officer or person so presiding, whether otherwise qualified or not, shall give a casting vote in cases where such casting vote may be necessary to determine the election of Councillor or Assessor.

21. That the officer or person holding any such election shall not be bound to keep the poll open until four o'clock in the afternoon in any case where no more candidates have been proposed than may be necessary to be then elected, but in any such case the presiding officer may immediately after

ten o'clock in the forenoon close the poll and declare such candidate or candidates to be duly elected; but in all cases of a contested election the poll shall be kept open until the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, when the same shall be closed.

22. That the officer or person holding every election for Councillors or Assessors as aforesaid, shall immediately after the close thereof make a return to the Clerk of the names of the persons having the greatest number of votes and declared by him duly elected at such election for Councillors or Assessors.

23. That the poll lists kept at every such election, and the receipts delivered in by the electors hereinbefore mentioned, shall on the next day after the conclusion of such election (unless such day be Sunday, Christmas Day, or Good Friday, and then on the next day thereafter) be delivered by the officers or persons holding the same to the Clerk to remain in his office, where they shall be open for inspection to any elector on payment of twenty cents.

24. That if any vacancy shall happen by the death or disqualification of a Councillor or an Assessor, the Chairman, or in case of his absence, any three of the Councillors, shall by order in writing, and within ten days after the vacancy shall have happened, direct the Clerk to give public notice, as hereinbefore provided, of the time and place, when and where an election will be held to supply the said vacancy or vacancies; and such election shall be held in the manner provided in and by this Act.

25. That no person shall be allowed to vote at any election, except the first, for Councillors or Assessor, unless his name shall appear in the list of voters for the Ward in which he claims to vote, and before he be permitted to vote, shall deliver to the officer or person holding such election a receipt from the Collector of Rates, as provided by the tenth Section of this Act, and also, if required by the officer or person holding such election, or by any one of the candidates, or by any person duly qualified to vote at such election, shall make oath, or being a Quaker shall make affirmation, before the officer or person holding such election, in the form following, that is to say:—

I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am of the full age of twenty one years, and that I am the person named in the receipt now exhibited by me, and the person named in the list of voters, and that the said receipt was signed by the Collector of Rates, whose name is thereto subscribed, and that I have not before voted at any Ward at this election.—So help me God. Which oath or affirmation the officer or person holding such election is hereby authorized to administer, and in every case where the elector shall have been sworn as aforesaid, the presiding officer shall note in his poll-book that such elector had been sworn or had affirmed.

26. That at any election for Councillors or Assessors, every elector shall vote in the Ward in which he resides, and not elsewhere, and non-residents shall vote in the Ward in which their property lies; but no person shall vote at any one election in more than one Ward: Non-residents having property in more than one Ward, may notify the Clerk of the Ward in which he desires to vote, and the Clerk shall enter his name in the list for that Ward.

27. That every officer or person holding any such election for Councillors or Assessors, as aforesaid, shall be and may be deemed a Peace officer on that occasion.

28. That the Chairman, Councillors, and Assessors, before