

24. Should any Collector be unable from sickness or any other just and good cause to attend on the day of the annual election of Councillors, it shall be lawful for such Collector, and he is hereby required to appoint in writing, according to the form in Schedule (B) to this Act, or as near as may be, (which appointment in writing shall be signed by the Collector and deputy, and by two witnesses,) a deputy, and furnish him with the list mentioned in the twenty second Section; such deputy shall attend on the day of the election at the place where the election for Councillors is held, with the said list, and receive from any person so rated upon property and income as aforesaid the amount of his rates, and upon payment thereof, proper receipts in writing give therefor; and the production, and if required, the delivery of the said receipt so signed to the Chairman, shall have the same effect for enabling the party to vote, as if the same had been signed by the Collector.

25. When any person is appointed a deputy as herein provided, he shall immediately on the opening of the meeting for the annual election of Councillors produce and exhibit to the Chairman of the meeting his deputation, and the Chairman shall thereupon cause a written notice of such appointment to be put up or posted on some conspicuous part of the building in which the election is held; and the deputy shall also post up three notices of his appointment in three of the most public or conspicuous places on or near the building in which the election is held; and should any deputy fail to comply with the requirements of this Section, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars.

26. Should any Collector or any deputy appointed under this Act wilfully keep away and not attend any election of Councillors with the list of ratepayers as aforesaid, or refuse to give a receipt to any ratepayer entitled to receive the same, on payment of his rates, he shall on the complaint of any ratepayer be liable to a penalty not to exceed fifty dollars for each and every default.

27. If any ratepayer as aforesaid whose name is not on the paid list has lost or mislaid his receipt, or his name has by inadvertence been omitted from the paid list, he may apply to the Collector or his deputy for a duplicate receipt, which duplicate receipt such Collector or deputy shall furnish to such ratepayer on request, and the ratepayer shall thereupon have the right to vote upon production, and if required, upon delivery of such duplicate receipt; and any Collector or deputy having knowledge of the payment and wilfully refusing to furnish such duplicate receipt, or giving a false receipt, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars.

28. The voting for Councillors shall be by ballot; the names of the candidates shall be written or printed on white paper, and delivered by the elector to the Chairman of the meeting, who shall satisfy himself that the ballot is single, and deposit it in the ballot box without reading; at the hour of closing each candidate, or in his absence some one on his behalf, may choose an elector, to be sworn before the Chairman of the meeting, as tellers, and the Chairman shall publicly open the ballot box and take out each ballot separately, and read the names thereon, so that each teller may take them down; when all are read and taken down, the Chairman shall state the number of votes polled for each candidate, and declare the two having the majority elected; the Chairman, in addition to his vote as a ratepayer, shall give the casting vote if necessary.

29. The Chairman may, or if required by a candidate or some elector on his behalf, shall administer to any person claiming a vote the oath (C) in the Schedule to this Act.

30. The Chairman during the time of the election shall be and be deemed to be invested with all the powers of a Justice of the Peace.

31. All Justices of the Peace and other persons present at any election shall aid the Chairman for the purpose of keeping peace and order thereat.

32. The Chairman within ten days after closing the election shall, under the penalty of four dollars for each days neglect, make return in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Councillors elected, and in case a poll was granted shall, also state in such return the number of the votes for each candidate, which return shall be open for inspection to any ratepayer upon property or income as aforesaid.

33. If any Parish fails to elect Councillors, or if any Councillor dies, resigns, is absent from the Municipality more than three months, become incapacitated after election, or refuse to serve, or in case of an election being set aside, the Warden, or in case of a vacancy in the Wardenship, the Secretary-Treasurer shall issue to the Parish Clerk for the time being his warrant for a new election, returnable within twenty five days from the day of the issuing thereof, and the election shall be conducted in the same manner as prescribed for the election of Councillors at the annual election: As soon as the warrant is issued by the Warden or Secretary-Treasurer as aforesaid, the Secretary-Treasurer shall furnish to the Parish Clerk for the time being a certified list of the ratepayers upon property or income as aforesaid, from the last assessment list (for the Parish in which the election is to be held), and filed in his office, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the meeting; and the persons whose names are on the list so certified by the Secretary Treasurer shall be entitled to vote at such election; provided that in case such new election is occasioned by reason of the failure of any Parish to elect Councillors, or in case of any election being set aside, and the certified list is made up from the assessment list of the year in which the last annual election was or should have been held, no person shall be allowed to vote at such new election unless he make oath (if required to do so by any elector), that the amounts for which he was assessed in such assessment list have been paid: The Parish Clerk on receipt of the warrant shall give ten days public notice in writing of the time and place of holding the said election, by posting up the same in three of the most public places in the Parish: No warrant shall issue to supply any vacancy after the second semi-annual meeting in any year; and the term "second semi-annual meeting," as herein last used, shall in the case of Counties not heretofore incorporated, mean the July meeting in and after the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight.

34. If after the election of any person as a member of the Council, he be convicted of felony or infamous crime, or become insolvent within the meaning of the Insolvent Acts, or apply for relief as an insolvent debtor, or remain in close custody, or assign his property for the use of his creditors, or make application for examination and disclosure under any Acts relating to arrest and imprisonment for debt, or absent himself from the meetings of the Council for three months without being authorized so to do by a resolution of the Council entered in its minutes, he shall be deemed to have become incapacitated within the meaning of the pre-