

any Parish, the Parish officers appointed for the previous year shall remain in office until others are appointed in their stead.

71. If the Council at any time neglects to appoint Parish officers, or if it neglects to appoint all the necessary officers required, or in the event of the death or resignation of any Parish officer during the term of his office, or in the event of any such office becoming in any other way vacant during the said term, it shall and may be lawful for the Councillors of the Parish where such vacancy may occur by reason of such neglect, death, resignation, or otherwise, at any time out of the Session of Council, to make the necessary appointment or appointments.

72. The Councillors so making such appointment shall forthwith send to the Secretary-Treasurer a correct and certified list of the appointments so made, and the same shall be filed by the Secretary-Treasurer.

73. The Secretary-Treasurer shall within one week after the meeting of Council at which any County or Parish officers are appointed, furnish the Parish Clerks of the respective Parishes with certified lists thereof, who shall within six days thereafter post up lists of the officers so appointed in three or more public places in their respective Parishes, and the same shall be considered sufficient notification to such officers respectively, and to the public, of their appointment.

74. Every officer appointed shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty within fourteen days after notification of his appointment, before a Justice of the Peace; such Justice shall forthwith make return of the taking of the oath to the Secretary-Treasurer.

75. Any person appointed to any County or Parish office, refusing or neglecting to make the necessary oath, or perform the duties of the office, shall for each refusal or neglect forfeit eight dollars; and if such person be the Parish Clerk, he shall forfeit for each refusal or neglect twenty dollars; provided that no person shall be liable to such penalty if his neglect is caused by reason of his being unable to furnish any securities required by law for the performance of any of the duties of his office; and in any proceedings for penalties hereunder, proof that no return of the taking of the oath has been filed with the Secretary-Treasurer shall be *prima facie* evidence of the refusal or neglect to take the oath.

76. Every person appointed to any County or Parish office, who may be required by law to give a bond or security for the performance of the duties of his office, who shall refuse or neglect so to do, shall forfeit such office, and the same shall thereupon be deemed vacant.

77. Any two Justices may whenever they deem it advisable, call upon and appoint so many persons as they shall think fit, to act as Special Constables for any Parish, and such Constables shall have the same powers and immunities as other Constables, except that such Constables shall not serve or execute any Civil process, and the Justices appointing such Special Constables may discharge them when the occasion for their services has passed; the said Justices, or one of them, upon appointing such Special Constables, shall forthwith administer to each of them the following oath:—"I, , do swear that I will faithfully, without favour, affection, or ill-will, discharge the duty of Special Constable, and that I will cause the peace to be kept and preserved to the best of my power while I continue in office.—So help me God,"

78. Any person called upon to act as a Special Constable, as provided in the last Section, refusing or neglecting to serve or take the prescribed oath, shall be liable to a penalty of eight dollars; and no person shall be deemed incapable to serve or be sworn in as a Special Constable by reason of his not being a ratepayer in the Parish, or of his not having paid his rates.

79. In Counties not heretofore incorporated, all County officers shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices until the appointment of County officers by the County Council, and all Parish officers shall continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices until the appointment of their successors by the Council at the January meeting in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy eight; and such officers shall after the commencement of this Act be subject to the control of the County Council, and liable to account to the County Council as well in respect of the discharge of their duties before the commencement of this Act as afterwards, and to the same extent as they would have been subject to the control of and liable to account to the Sessions had this Act not been passed; and in case of a vacancy in any Parish office before the said January meeting, the same shall be filled in like manner as in Counties heretofore incorporated.

80. All persons, bodies, Commissions or Boards heretofore subject to or liable to account to the Sessions in Counties not heretofore incorporated shall, upon the commencement of this Act, be subject to and liable to account to the County Council.

81. Where in any Parish there are three Councillors, such Councillors, or where there are four or more Councillors, three of such Councillors, to be selected by the County Council, shall be the Revisors under the law relating to the election of Members to the General Assembly; provided that nothing herein shall extend to a City or Town which constitutes in itself a Parish; and provided further, that nothing herein shall alter the law now in force in reference to Revisors in Parishes represented by two Councillors in the County Council.

82. Ex-officio Councillors shall not take part in the appointment of Parish officers in any Parish unless the Councillors of the Parish, or a majority of them, where there are more than two, fail to agree; provided that where any Parish includes within its limits an incorporated Town, and any of the Parish officers exercise any of their powers within the Town, the County Councillors representing the Town shall take part in the appointment of such officers.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

83. The Secretary-Treasurer shall at least one week before the January meeting deliver his Account, and all Accounts filed with him, to the County Auditor for audit.

84. The Auditor shall audit all County and Parish Accounts, and all Accounts of persons, Boards, Commissions, or bodies corporate, required by law to account to the County Council, and all Accounts in any way affecting the Municipality; and for that purpose he may call for all books and vouchers he may require; and when audited, the Accounts shall be open to the inspection of any elector.

85. The Warden shall in the month of January or February publish in a newspaper published in the County, if any such be published, and if not, in such newspaper as the County Council shall select, and as will afford the best information