

tion to be elected a member of the Town Council, (or respecting your qualification, to vote at this election, *as the case may be*): So help you God."

May put other questions. And the presiding officer shall himself put the questions which he shall deem necessary.

False swearing to be perjury. **12.** If any person being examined upon oath or affirmation under this Act, as to his qualification to be elected or to vote, shall wilfully forswear himself, he shall be deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and, on conviction thereof, shall be subject to the same penalties as in other cases of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Times and places of meeting of the Council. **13.** The said Town Council shall meet at least once in each month for the transaction of the business of the said town, and shall hold their sittings in the Town Hall or in any other place in the said town which shall have been set apart for the purpose, either temporarily or permanently; Provided always, that one or several members, not sufficient to form a quorum, may adjourn any meeting of the Council which may not have taken place for want of a quorum, and such members, though not forming a quorum, are hereby authorized to compel the attendance of absent members at the regular or adjourned meetings as aforesaid, and to impose such penalties upon such absent members for a repetition of the offence, as may be provided by any By-law of the said Town Council for that purpose.

Mayor may call special meetings. **14.** It shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said Town, whenever he shall deem it necessary or useful, to call special meetings of the said Council, and whenever two members shall be desirous of obtaining such special meetings, they shall apply to the Mayor to call such meeting, and in the absence of the Mayor, or on his refusal to act, they may call such meeting themselves, on stating in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Council, their object in calling such special meeting, and the day on which they are desirous that it shall be held; and the said Secretary-Treasurer shall, upon receipt of such written notification, communicate the same to the other members of the Council.

Decision of contested elections by Circuit Court. **15.** 1. If the election of all, or of one or more of the Councillors be contested, such contestation shall be decided by the Circuit Court in and for the District of Beauharnois.

Who may contest; And how. 2. Every such election may be so contested by one or more of the candidates, or at least ten of the electors of the said town;

3. The said contestation shall be brought before the Court, by a petition signed by the petitioner or petitioners, or by any Attorney duly authorized, setting forth in a clear manner the grounds of such contestation;

Form of proceedings. 4. A true copy of the petition, with a notice stating the day on which the said petition will be presented to the Court, shall be first duly served upon the Councillor or Councillors whose election is contested, at least eight days before the day on which the said petition shall be presented to the Court; and a return of the service shall be drawn up and signed in due form upon the original of the said petition, by the Bailiff who shall have made such service; but no such petition shall be received after the term next following the election thereby contested, unless such election took place within the fifteen days next preceding the first day of such term, in which case any such petition may be presented on the first day of the second term, but not later; nor shall any such petition be received unless security for costs be given by the petitioners in the presence of a judge of the Superior Court, or of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the said District of Beauharnois, or his Deputy;

Time for contesting limited. 50

Security for costs. 55.