

ces under such Council, or paid the penalty incurred for refusal to accept such office, shall be exempt from serving in the same office, during the two years next after such service or payment.

5. The persons entitled to vote at the Municipal Elections of the said town shall be the male inhabitant freeholders and householders of the age of twenty-one years, and residing therein, possessed at the time as proprietors by themselves or their wives of real property in the said town, and who have been so for at least six months, and tenants of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have resided in the said town, and paid rent during the year immediately preceding the election, on a dwelling-house, or part of a dwelling-house, at the rate of not less than twelve dollars per annum; provided always, that no person qualified to vote at any Municipal Election in the said town, shall have the right of having his vote registered, unless he shall have paid his Municipal and School taxes due before such election; and it shall be lawful for any candidate at the said election, and the persons presiding over the said election, to require the production of the receipts setting forth the payment of such assessments so due as aforesaid.

6. The Councillors of the said town, who are at present in office, shall remain in office until the elections, which are to take place by virtue of this Act, and all by-laws, ordinances, agreements, dispositions and engagements whatever, passed and entered into by the Municipal Council of the village of St. Ours, shall continue to have full and entire force to all intents and purposes as though this Act had never been passed, and until such time as the said by-laws, agreements or engagements shall be formally rescinded, abolished or fulfilled, and the said corporation, as constituted under this Act, shall succeed and be substituted for all purposes whatsoever, in the engagements, rights and trusts of the Municipal Council of the village of St. Ours, as heretofore constituted.

7. The Municipal elections for the said town, shall be held in the month of January in each year, and public notice thereof shall be given at least eight days previous to such election in the French language, by notices posted up at the door of the church of the Parish of St. Ours, and in the market of the said town, and read at the door of the said church, at the issue of Divine service in the morning of Sunday preceding the election; and the said notice shall be signed for the first election in virtue of this Act, by the present Mayor of the village of St. Ours, or in his absence by the Registrar of the county of Richelieu, and shall specify the day, the place and the hour upon which such election shall be held in each of the wards of the said town; and for all subsequent elections, the said notice shall be signed by the Mayor or the Secretary-Treasurer of the town, and shall specify in like manner the day, place and hour upon which the said elections are to take place in each of the wards of the said town.

8. Before the publication of the notice announcing such election, the present Council of the village of St. Ours, for the first election to take place in the month of January next, and afterwards the Council of the said town, for subsequent elections, shall appoint one of their number to preside at and to conduct such election, and shall specify the places where it shall be held in each ward; such Councillor having under him a deputy, appointed and paid by the council, for each of the wards of the said town; such deputies shall have the qualifications necessary to entitle them to vote at such election, and if they think fit, it shall be lawful for them to have a poll-clerk, whom they shall appoint by a writing under their hand; and the polls shall be open for the reception and registration of votes from nine of the clock in the forenoon until four of the clock in the afternoon of the day appointed for the said elec-