

5. The following persons shall not be obliged to accept the office of Mayor or Councillor of the said Town, nor any other office to be filled by the council of the said Town, viz.: Members of the Provincial Legislature, Practising Physicians, Surgeons and Apothecaries; school-masters actually engaged in teaching; persons over sixty years, and the Members of the Council of the said Town, at the time of commencement of the present Act, or who have been so within the two years next preceding, and the persons who shall have fulfilled any of the offices 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.

Who shall not be bound to accept the said offices.

V. 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, rated upon the assessment roll of the said Town and residing therein, possessed at the time, of real property in the said Town, of the yearly value of four dollars currency; and tenants of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have resided in the said Town, and paid rent during six months immediately preceding the election, on a dwelling-house or part of a dwelling-house, at the rate of not less than eighteen dollars currency 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 taxes due before such election; and it shall be lawful for any candidate at the said election and the person presiding, or any one of his deputies for the said election, to require the production of the receipt setting forth the payment of such assessment.

Who may vote at elections.

Proviso: voter must have paid his taxes, and the receipt may be demanded.

VI. The Mayor and 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 town of St. John, 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this Act had never been passed, and until such time as the said By-laws, agreements or engagements shall be formally rescinded, abolished or fulfilled, and the said Corporation, as constituted under this Act, shall succeed and be substituted for all purposes whatsoever, in the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 Town of St. John, as constituted by Acts referred to in the preamble to this Act.

Mayor and Councillors now in office to remain until elections are held under this Act. Present By-laws to remain in force until altered, &c.

VII. The municipal elections for the said Town, in virtue of this Act, 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 and English languages, by notices posted up at the doors of the churches, and in the market of the said Town, and read at the door of the Catholic Churches in the said town, at the issue of Divine service on the Sunday preceding the election; and the said notice shall be signed for the first election in virtue of this Act, by the Registrar of the registration division of St. John, whose duty it shall be to preside at the said first election, and for all subsequent elections the said notice shall be signed by the Mayor or the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Council, and shall specify the day, place and hour upon which the said elections are to take place.

When the municipal elections shall be held: Notice thereof.

Who shall preside.