

general meetings may be held whenever circumstances shall require them, or the Board shall deem them advisable, and such meetings shall be called by advertisements in two newspapers, and inserted in both languages at least fifteen days previously, for meetings of the Board of Notaries, and one month previously for general meetings of Notaries, and all Notaries within the jurisdiction of the Board shall be invited to attend at the said general meeting, either for the purpose of making the appointments mentioned in the fourth section or to advise together on matters of interest to the profession: And provided also, that any meeting of any Board of Notaries, or any general meeting of the Notaries within its jurisdiction, may be adjourned by consent of the majority of the Notaries present thereat, to such place, day and hour as may be agreed upon.

Proviso.

Election of members of Board.

IV. And be it enacted, That the members of each Board of Notaries shall be elected by the Notaries within its jurisdiction, at a general meeting to be held in the manner above provided, and the election shall be by majority of votes and by ballot, each ballot containing a number of names not greater than the number of members to be elected, and the first election of members of each Board shall take place during the three months next after the passing of this Act, and such first meetings shall be called by advertisements published in the manner prescribed in the third section, and within three months from the passing of this Act, by the President of each now existing Board of Notaries; and the said advertisements shall mention the day, hour and the place of the meeting, at which meeting, in the cities and towns within the jurisdiction of the said Board, the Presidents of the now existing Boards respectively shall preside, and shall draw and sign the minute of the proceedings thereat, and deliver them to the Board of Notaries, at whose election they shall respectively have presided on the first meeting of such Boards, which first meeting shall be called by the said Presidents, within the time above prescribed, by a notice served on each member of the Board, either personally or at his domicile or office, (*étude*.) informing him of his election, and of the day, hour and place of the said first meeting of the Board, at which the said Presidents of the now existing Boards shall also preside until the Board shall have elected its President of which election he shall draw up a minute and deliver the same to the President elect; and if it shall happen that the meeting cannot be held on the day appointed, the said President shall appoint a future day for holding it.

Case of failure to elect provided for.

V. And be it enacted, That if at the time appointed for the election of any Board of Notaries, such election shall not be had in conformity to this Act, it shall be lawful for the Governor of this Province to appoint the members of such Board by an instrument under his hand and seal; and any Board of Notaries so appointed by the Governor, and the members thereof, shall have the same powers and duties as if elected at a general meeting of Notaries, and the first meeting of any such Board shall be called in the manner aforesaid by the President of the now existing Boards of Notaries of the respective districts, in the manner above mentioned.

Election of President and other officers of Board.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Members of each Board of Notaries shall elect in the manner hereinafter prescribed, the President and other officers mentioned in the seventh section and such election shall be renewed yearly, (the same persons being nevertheless capable of being re-elected, and the senior in age having the preference in any case of equality of votes,) and any