

day of their nomination, seized and possessed, as proprietors, of real estate within the limits of the said city, of the value of five hundred pounds, said currency, after payment or deduction of their just debts; and the form of oath inserted in the thirty-ninth section of the Act fourteenth and fifteenth Victoria, Chapter, one hundred and twenty-eight is hereby amended by striking out therefrom all that relates to personal estate. 5

Declaration to be filed.

4. No person shall enter in office as Mayor, Alderman or Councillor of the said city, unless he shall have previously deposited and lodged in the hands of the City Clerk, a declaration signed by himself, establishing the fact of his being qualified in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding section, and containing a detailed description of the real estate on which he qualifies himself. 10

What if property on which a member has qualified changes hands, &c.

5. In case the Mayor or any Alderman or Councillor shall cede or make over, in any manner whatsoever, the real estate on which he shall have qualified himself, or shall mortgage or encumber the same, so as to affect the amount required for his qualification, it shall be lawful for any two electors duly qualified to vote at the election of the said Mayor, Alderman or Councillor respectively, to present a Petition to the Council of the said city, requiring the said Mayor, Alderman or Councillor, as the case may be, to produce the title of such other immovable property as he may qualify upon; failing which, his seat shall become vacant. 15 20 25

Persons indebted for city taxes not eligible as a member of Council.

6. No person shall be capable of being elected a member of the Council of the said city, who may be indebted to the said city for taxes, assessments or water rates (drain accounts or special assessments in cases of expropriation excepted) or is a party to, or interested in, any law suit or judicial process whatsoever, the amount of which shall exceed one hundred dollars currency and wherein the Corporation of the said city shall appear as plaintiff or defendant. 30

Other cases of disqualification.

7. Any member of the said Council who shall, directly or indirectly, become a party to, or security for, any contract or agreement to which the Corporation of the said city is a party, or shall derive any interest, profit or advantage from such contract or agreement, shall thereby become disqualified and lose his seat in the said Council. 35

City Council authorized to decide cases of disqualification.

8. The Council of the said city is hereby authorized to finally and without appeal adjudicate upon the qualification of its members; and in case any of its members shall fail in any one or more of the qualifications required by the Statutes concerning the incorporation of the said city, the said Council is hereby vested with all the requisite powers to adjudicate upon such question and to delegate three or more of its members to make an inquiry to that effect; and upon their report, the said Coun- 40 45