

# NOMINATIONS

The provisions of The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903, divide the municipalities into nine classes for nomination purposes. The following tabular statement will show when and where nomination meetings for 1904 should be held, and the municipal officers to be nominated.

## STATEMENT

MUNICIPALITY.	DATE.	MAYOR.	WHERE.	ALDERMEN.	WHERE.
I. CITIES Sections 118 and 119.	26 December . . . . .	10 a.m. to 11 a.m. . . . .	At City Hall . .	12 noon to 1 p.m., or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	At City Hall or place in each ward fixed by by-law.
II. CITIES Having a population of 100,000 or more . . . . .	26 December, or if by-law passed by the council, before 15th of Nov. under s. 110a on 19th December.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m. . . . .	At City Hall . .	12 noon to 1 p.m., or if by-law passed under sec. 120, 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	At City Hall or place in each ward fixed by by-law.
III. TOWNS Divided into wards; population over 5,000 . . . . . Sections 118 and 119.	26 December . . . . .	10 a.m. to 11 a.m., or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p.m., to 8.30 p.m. . . . .	At Town Hall.	(Councillors.) 12 noon to 1 p.m., or if by-law passed under section 120, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.	At Town Hall or place in each ward.
IV. TOWNS Not divided into wards; population over 5,000 . . . . . Sections 118 and 119.	26 December . . . . .	Same . . . . .	At Town Hall.	Same . . . . .	At Town Hall . . . . .
V. TOWNS Divided into wards; population 5,000 and under . . . . . Sections 118, 119 and 71a	26 December . . . . .	12 noon to 1 p.m., or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	At Town Hall.	Same . . . . .	At Town Hall or place in each ward.
VI. TOWNS Not divided into wards; population 5,000 and under. Sections 118, 119 and 71a	26 December . . . . .	Same . . . . .	At Town Hall.	Same . . . . .	At Town Hall . . . . .
VII. VILLAGES Sections 119 and 120.	26 December . . . . .	12 noon to 1 p.m., or if by-law passed under section 120, 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.	At Town Hall or at such place as may be fixed by by-law.	Same . . . . .	At Town Hall or at such place as may be fixed by by-law.
VIII. TOWNSHIPS Sections 119, 122 and 123.	On 26 December, or if by-law passed by county council under section 125 on 12 December.	12 noon to 1 p.m., or if by-law passed under section 122, 1 to 2 p.m.	At Town Hall or place fixed by by-law under section 123	12 noon to 1 p.m. or if by-law passed under section 122, 1 to 2 p.m.	At Town Hall or place fixed by by-law under section 123.
IX. COUNTIES Section 133.	19 December . . . . .	(County Councillor.) 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	At place in each dist. fixed by Nom. Off'r, s. 132, (1) (a)		

### Nomination Proceedings.

#### NOTICE.

It is the duty of the clerk or other returning officer to give at least six days' notice of nomination meeting. For county council nomination two weeks' notice is necessary. Notice may be given by advertisement in newspapers or printed posters.

#### NOMINATIONS, SECTION 128.

The persons nominated to fill each office shall be proposed and seconded (*seriatim*) and every such nomination shall be in writing, and it is required to state therein the full name, place of residence, and occupation of the candidate, and shall be signed by his proposer and seconder and be filed with the returning officer or the chairman within ONE HOUR from the time of opening of the meeting.

The change in the law requiring nominations to be in writing came into force on the first of January, 1899. Nomination forms should be provided for use at the nomination meetings.

The tabular statement shows the municipal officers to be nominated at the meetings. In towns where ward elections have been abolished, either by by-law or the amendments of the Act of 1898, the number of councillors has been reduced.

#### RESIGNATIONS

may be handed to the returning officer at nomination meeting, or on the following day, at any time before nine o'clock p.m. Except in the case of county council nominations, when resignations may be filed at any time during the following day.

At the nomination meeting candidates proposed may resign verbally, but after the nomination meeting all resignations must be in writing, signed and attested by a witness, and delivered to the clerk or returning officer within the time mentioned. When resignations are not received in time or in proper form, a clerk has no alternative but to hold the election. Sub-section 3a of section 129 provides that in cities, towns and incorporated villages every candidate for the office of mayor, reeve, controller, alderman, councillor, water commissioner or street railway commissioner, shall on the day of the nomination or at any time before nine o'clock in the afternoon on the following day, or when such last named day is a holiday, then before twelve o'clock (noon) of the succeeding day, file in the office of the clerk of the municipality a statutory declaration in accordance with the form contained in section 311 of the Act or to the like effect that he possesses the necessary qualification for the office, and in default of his so doing such candidate shall be deemed to have resigned, and his name shall be removed from the list of candidates and shall not be printed on the ballot papers.

A nominating or returning officer should not refuse to accept a nomination paper for the reason that he has a personal knowledge of the fact that the person nominated thereby is not a legally qualified candidate; the responsibility of deciding this question should be left to the courts. The Municipal Act does not make it the duty of such officer to read each nomination paper to the assembled electors, either when handed to him or at the close of the nomination meeting. He may do this, however, as a matter of courtesy. At the close of the nomination meeting he should announce the names of the candidates placed in nomination. The nominator and seconder of a candidate should both be present at the nomination meeting, and should be electors of the municipality. It is not necessary that a person nominated should be present.