

shall adjudge him to be ineligible, in consequence of any of the causes of disqualification mentioned in such Sections, a new Election shall take place, in the manner directed by said Act for Special Elections, until a person duly qualified to serve shall be regularly elected.

In absence of Mayor
Alderman to act.

VI. In case of the absence of the Mayor, or of Vacancy in his Office, the Alderman in rotation who is now required to hold a Police Court in the absence of the Mayor, shall discharge for the time being all the duties that might heretofore devolve upon the Senior Alderman, and all other duties that appertain to the Office of Mayor, whether at the Police Court, Mayor's Court, or otherwise, except that of presiding at the Meetings of the City Council.

Inspectors of Elec-
tions refusing to
serve liable to be
fined.

VII. Every Inspector of Elections in the City shall, within Five Days after notice of his appointment to office, accept the same by taking the Oath prescribed for Inspectors, before the Mayor, or one of the Aldermen of the City, and in default thereof shall be liable to pay a Fine of Five Pounds, and the Office shall thereupon be deemed to be vacant, and be filled up by a new appointment: and no such Oath shall hereafter be required to be taken before the Presiding Officer at any Election, nor the Certificate thereof to be entered in the Record or Journal of the Poll Clerk: *Provided always* that no person shall be liable to such Fine who is exempted therefrom by the Twenty-fourth Section of said Act.

Receipt of Rates at
Elections.

VIII. At the Election of Mayor, Aldermen, or Ward Assessors, no Receipt produced at the time of Voting shall be received as evidence of payment of Poor and City Rates, to entitle the person producing the same to Vote, unless it be subscribed by the City Treasurer or by his Agent, first duly recognized by the City Council.

Nomination of Off-
icers at Elections.

IX. The Presiding Officers at any Election of Mayor, Aldermen or Ward Assessors, shall at the time appointed for holding the same, or at any time during the progress thereof, receive the names of such persons as shall be nominated to fill the Office of Mayor, Aldermen, or Ward Assessors, and cause the names to be entered in the Record or Journal of the Poll Clerk, and all Votes given in for any person not duly nominated, shall, in sorting the Votes, be treated by the Presiding Officers and Inspectors as thrown away: *Provided always*, That no nomination shall be received by the Presiding Officers unless made by a person duly qualified to vote at the Election, of which qualification the same evidence shall be required as in the case of giving a Vote.

Regulation of Votes.

X. If in sorting the Votes it shall be found that two or more Ballots are enclosed in one cover, or if the name of the same person be more than once entered in the same Ballot, or if any Ballot shall contain a greater number of names of persons as designated to any Office than there are persons to be elected, all such Ballots shall be rejected and destroyed.

Accounts and vouch-
ers of Officers go-
ing out of office.

XI. All Accounts, or Vouchers relating thereto, and all Monies required to be delivered or paid by the Clerk, Treasurer, and other Officers of the City, after ceasing to be in Office, by the Fifty-third Section of the said Act, shall be construed as required to be delivered and paid in such manner and at such times, before the expiration of Three months after ceasing to be in Office, as the Council shall direct: and if any Officer shall refuse or wilfully neglect to deliver his Accounts or Vouchers, or to make payment when required by the Council, he shall be liable to be proceeded against as prescribed by the said Section in the case of refusal or wilful neglect during his continuance in Office, and no Conviction had in either of these cases, or in any case before Justices of the Peace by virtue of the said Section, shall be quashed for want of form, and no Warrant of Commitment shall be held void by reason of any defect therein, so as it be therein alleged that the party has been convicted, and there has been a good and valid conviction in point of fact to authorize the same: but no proceedings against any Officer under this Section, or the Section hereinbefore referred to, shall be commenced except within Three months after the Offence was committed.

XII.