

officers shall from any cause be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the County Councils of the said Counties or Unions of Counties respectively may, if in their judgment the interests of the County require it, by a majority of their number select suitable persons to perform the duties of such offices respectively, and such persons so selected may perform such duties until such vacancy be filled in the manner hereinafter appointed or until such disability be removed.

how to be filled *pro tempore*.

VII. When vacancies shall arise in any of the said offices by the resignation, death, or removal from office of any of the said officers between the regular periods of elections as fixed by this Act, the County Clerks of the said several Counties and Unions of Counties respectively, shall immediately notify the Wardens of the said Counties respectively in writing of such vacancy having taken place, and the said notice shall specify the cause of such vacancy, the name of the officer in whose office it occurred, and the time when his term of office will expire.

Election for filling any such vacancy.

VIII. The said Wardens respectively on receiving the said notices in the next preceding section of this Act directed to be sent to them respectively shall forthwith cause notices in writing, signed by them the said Wardens respectively, and attested by the said County Clerks, respectively, to be delivered to the Township; Village, Town, and City Clerks of the said Counties and Unions of Counties respectively, in which such vacancy shall have occurred, which notices shall contain in substance the notices so received from the said County Clerks; and the said Wardens shall at the same time give at least two weeks notice in writing to be delivered to the Township, Village, Town, or City Clerks of such Municipality of the holding of an election to supply such vacancy, fixing by the said notice last mentioned two consecutive days for the holding of the said election at the place at which the last meeting was held for the election of local officers, and the said Wardens shall also cause such notices of the time, place and object of such election to be inserted in all the newspapers published in the said County or Union of Counties and be posted up in at least three of the most public places in each of the said Townships, Villages, Towns and Cities, for at least ten days before such election.

How the Election for filling such vacancy shall be called and held.

IX. All the provisions of this Act relating to the General Election of the officers herein provided to be elected, shall apply to every election held by virtue hereof to supply vacancies, and the person or persons elected thereto shall assume the duties and continue to hold the office to which he shall be elected, as if he or they had been elected at the preceding January election.

Provisions as to General Elections to apply to Special Elections.

X. If any of the Wardens, Clerks, Treasurers, or other officers required by this Act to perform any duties under or by virtue of its provisions, shall neglect or refuse so to do without just cause therefor, he or they shall forfeit to the use of the County or union of Counties in which such offence shall be committed, a sum of money not less than *one hundred* nor more than *five hundred* pounds, to be recovered in any of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Law in Upper Canada, on the complaint of any person who may see fit to prosecute for the same.

Penalty for neglect of duties imposed by this Act.