

hold office until the time at which the person in whose place he may have been elected, would, according to the provisions hereinafter contained, have gone out of office, and no longer, but shall be capable of immediate re-election, unless otherwise disqualified as aforesaid.

Manner of
proceeding to
supply vacan-
cies.

XVII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, that if a vacancy or vacancies in any of the said Councils, whether arising from the death of any of the Councillors, or other cause, shall occur before the annual period of election as hereinbefore prescribed, it shall be lawful for the Warden of the District in which such vacancy or vacancies shall have occurred, to issue in the name of Her Majesty, her heirs or successors, his warrant under his hand and seal, directed to one of the Justices of the Peace, or to some other discreet and competent person, resident in the Parish or Township or reputed Parish or Township in which such vacancy or vacancies shall have occurred, requiring such Justice or other person to proceed, after due notice in this behalf to the electors qualified as aforesaid, in causing an election to be made of a Councillor or Councillors, to supply such vacancy or vacancies; which warrant shall by such Justice of the Peace or other person, be duly executed; and every Councillor elected under such warrant, shall vacate his seat in the Council, at the time when the person in whose stead he shall have been chosen would, according to the provisions hereinafter contained, have vacated his seat, but shall be capable of immediate re-election, if not otherwise disqualified; Provided always, that no such warrant shall be issued as aforesaid, after the third quarterly meeting in any year.

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XVIII. And be it further Ordained and Enacted, that on the second Monday in January, in the year next following that in which the first election shall be had, and on the same day in every succeeding year, one third part of the entire number of Councillors in every district shall go out of office; and at the last quarterly meeting of each and every District Council, in the year in which such first election shall be had, it shall be determined by lot, which among the Councillors shall go out of office for that year, and for the next succeeding year; but thenceforward in all future years, those persons who shall have been Councillors, without re-election, for the longest time, shall vacate their seats. Provided always, that when any District Council shall consist of a number of Councillors not divisible into three equal parts, it shall be lawful for such District Council, by a by-law to be made in this behalf, to fix and determine the number of Councillors to go out of office annually, which number shall be as near one third thereof as may be, and the number so to go out of office annually, shall be so regulated by such by-law, that at the end of three years, none of the said Councillors shall remain in office; and