

cipality may, within the municipality, administer any oath, affirmation or declaration under this Act, relating to the business of the place in which he holds office, except where otherwise specially provided, and except where he is the party required to make the oath, affirmation or declaration. 46 V. c. 18, s. 276.

275. The deponent, affirmant, or declarant shall subscribe every such oath, affirmation, or declaration, and the person administering it shall duly certify and preserve the same, and within eight days deposit the same in the office of the clerk of the municipality to the affairs of which it relates. 46 V. c. 18, s. 277.

276. The head of every council, or in his absence the chairman thereof, may administer an oath or affirmation to any person concerning any account or other matter submitted to the council. 46 V. c. 18, s. 278.

277. Every qualified person duly elected or appointed to be a mayor, alderman, reeve, or deputy-reeve, councillor, police trustee, assessor or collector of or in any municipality, who refuses such office, or does not within twenty days after knowing of his election or appointment, make the declarations of office and qualification where a property qualification is required, and every person authorized to administer such declaration, who, upon reasonable demand, refuses to administer the same, shall, on summary conviction thereof before two or more Justices of the Peace, forfeit not more than \$80, nor less than \$8, at the discretion of the Justices, to the use of the municipality, together with the cost of prosecution. 46 V. c. 18, s. 279.

NOTE.—Making and subscribing the declarations of office and qualification are sufficient evidence of acceptance of office, and the limitation of time within which such declarations are to be made enables the electors when default is made to take action as herein provided, for contravention of the provisions of the Act, and in case of a contested election there need be no uncertainty when the declarations have been made, in exercising the privileged alternative mentioned in sec. 188 of instituting proceedings “within six weeks after the election,” “or one month after acceptance of office.”