

charge: the councillors elected at any of the municipal elections shall remain in office during three years, except those who shall be elected at the first election, of whom two shall retire at the expiration of the first year, and two at the expiration of the second year, and three at the expiration of the third year, and it shall be declared by lot, in the manner established by the council, which of the councillors shall thus retire from office, at the end of the first and second years;

4. The subsequent annual elections of councillors for the said city shall take place in the same manner and within the same delays as the first; Subsequent elections.

5. Before proceeding to the holding of any election under this act, the presiding officer and his deputies and poll clerks shall take the following oath, which any justice of the peace is hereby empowered to administer;—to wit:

“ I do solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my judgment and ability, faithfully and impartially perform the duties of presiding officer (or of deputy presiding officer, or poll clerk) at the election which I am about to hold (or which is about to be held) of a person or persons to serve as councillors for the said city of Sherbrooke. So help me God.” Oath of presiding officers and poll clerks.

6. The persons who shall preside at an election, in the several wards where elections are being held, shall, during such election, be guardians of the peace, and shall be invested with the same powers for the preservation of the peace and the apprehension, imprisonment, and holding to bail, of persons charged with violations of the law and breakers of the peace, as are vested in justices of the peace, and this, whether the said persons do or do not possess the property qualification of a justice of the peace, as required by law; and it shall be lawful for the presiding officer and his deputies at an election, to appoint special constables in sufficient numbers to preserve peace at such election, if he or they shall think it necessary, or be required to do it by five electors; Powers of presiding officers.

7. Every hotel, tavern and saloon keepers shall close their bars during the days of voting under a penalty of fifty dollars, or imprisonment in the common jail for three months in default of payment; Hotel keepers &c., bound to close. Penalty.

8. The presiding officer at any such election, shall