

shall continue to exercise the same powers and fulfil the same duties which they would have had to exercise or fulfil, had not such decease, absence or inability to act on the part of the said Mayor or Councillor taken place.

**Duration of office.** 3. Every Mayor or Councillor so elected or appointed to replace another, shall remain in office for the remainder of the time for which his predecessor had been elected or appointed, and no longer. 5

**Presiding officer at election to take oath.** 11 Before any person shall proceed to hold an election in conformity with this Act, he shall take the following oath, which any Justice of the Peace residing in the said town is hereby authorized to administer, that 10 is to say :

**The oath.** " I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my judgment and ability, discharge the duties of Presiding Officer at the election which I am about to hold for persons to serve as members of the Town Council of Iberville : So help me God." 15

**Presiding officer to examine candidates upon oath as to qualification if required so to do.** 12 The officer presiding at any election under this Act shall have authority, and he is hereby required, at the request of any persons qualified to vote at such election, to examine on oath (*or affirmation, when the party is allowed by law to affirm*) any candidate for the office of member of the said Town Council, respecting his qualification to be elected to the said office ; and shall also have authority, and he is hereby required, upon such request as aforesaid, to examine upon oath (*or affirmation*), any person tendering his vote at any election, and the oath to be administered by the presiding officer in both cases shall be in the form following : 20 25

**The oath.** " You shall true answer make to all questions put to you by me in my capacity of Presiding Officer at this election, respecting your qualification to be elected a member of the Town Council, (*or respecting your qualification to vote at this election, as the case may be*) : So help you God." 30

**May put other questions.** And the presiding officer shall himself put the questions which he shall deem necessary.

**False swearing to be perjury.** 13 If any person being examined upon oath or affirmation under this Act as to his qualification to be elected or to vote, shall wilfully forswear himself, he shall be deemed guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and on conviction thereof, shall be subject to the same penalties as in cases of other wilful and corrupt perjury. 35

**Times and places of meeting of the Council.** 14 The said Town Council shall meet at least once in each month for the transaction of the business of the said town, and shall hold their sittings in the Town Hall or in any other place in the said town which shall have been set apart for the purpose, either temporarily or permanently ; Provided always, that one or several members, not sufficient to form a quorum, may adjourn any meeting of the Council which may not have taken place for want of a quorum, and such members, though not forming a quorum, are hereby authorized to compel the attendance of absent members at the regular or adjourned meetings as aforesaid, and to impose such penalties upon such absent members for a repe- 40 45

**Proviso : as to adjournments and penalties for nonattendance**