

or it by ordinances not inconsistent with this Article, and who shall, before he, they or it enter upon the discharge of his, their or its duties as such, execute a bond to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, with the condition that he, they or it will faithfully discharge the several duties incumbent upon him, them or it, which bond shall be deposited in such place as the Mayor may select for depositing papers of this kind, and be delivered by him to his successor in office.

#### LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

**209.** The Legislative Department of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be vested in the City Council, which shall consist of two Branches, one of which shall be the First Branch and the other the Second Branch.

**210.** The First Branch shall consist of one member from each ward of the City, who shall be a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, a resident of the City three years preceding his election, and for the same time a resident of the ward for which he is elected, and assessed with property to the amount of three hundred dollars, who has paid taxes on the same one year prior to his election, and shall hold his office for two years. Each member of the First Branch shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

**211.** The Second Branch shall consist of nine members, one of whom shall be the President thereof, and shall possess the qualification and be elected as hereinafter provided. The other eight members shall be elected from the City of Baltimore at large, until the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall divide the City of Baltimore into four Councilmanic Districts, to be known as the first, second, third and fourth Councilmanic Districts, which shall each contain as near as possible one-fourth of the population of the City of Baltimore, and shall each be composed of six contiguous wards, according to their numerical order, beginning with the first ward. After said division, then two members of the Second Branch shall be elected from each of said Districts. The members of the Sec-