

penalties as it may by ordinance provide. The First Branch shall appoint its own President, who shall preside at all its sessions, and shall vote on all questions, and in case of the absence, sickness or other disqualification of the Mayor and the President of the Second Branch, shall perform all the duties of the office of Mayor during the period in which the sickness, absence or disqualification of said officer shall continue. Each Branch of the City Council shall judge of the election and qualifications of its own members, subject to appeal by petition of the party aggrieved to the Baltimore City Court. With the concurrence of three-fourths of the whole members of either Branch, it may expel any member for disorderly behavior or misconduct in office, but not a second time for the same offense. Each Branch shall adopt its own rules of procedure, not inconsistent with this Article, appoint its own officers, regulate their respective compensation not to exceed in the aggregate the amount appropriated by the ordinance of estimates, and remove them at pleasure. Each Branch shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolution or ordinance, at the request of any member, and the deliberations of both Branches shall be public.

218. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have power to pass all ordinances necessary to give effect and operation to all powers vested in the corporation of the City of Baltimore.

219. Ordinances and resolutions of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may be read in evidence from the printed volumes thereof published by authority of said corporation.

220. The style of all ordinances shall be: "Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore."

221. Every legislative act of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be by ordinance or resolution. No ordinance or resolution shall be passed except by the vote of a majority of all the members elected to each Branch, and on its final passage the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, the names of members voting for and against the same being entered on the