## No. 26.

An Ordinance to repeal Section 1 of Article 54, Baltimore City Code, 1893, title "Water," sub-title "Water Board," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That Section 1 of Article 54, Baltimore City Code, title "Water," sub-title "Water Board," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Appointment of Water Board.

1. There shall be appointed biennially in the month of March, by a joint convention of both branches of the City Council, a Board of Six Commissioners, who shall be residents of the City of Baltimore, who, with the Mayor, shall be styled the Water Board of the City of Baltimore; said commissioners to be men of undoubted character and selected with a view to skill and efficiency. The Mayor shall be President of said Board and preside at all meetings which may be held to deliberate upon the affairs of the Water Department. Any four members of said Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board shall have authority to appoint a Secretary, whose duty shall be to keep a record of the proceedings and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. They shall have authority to fill any vacancy or vacancies that may occur in their body by reason of the death, resignation or removal from the city of any of its members during the recess of the City Council, and in the absence of the Mayor to appoint a President *pro tempore;* to make and pass all rules

Mayor to be President of Board.

Quorum.

Secretary to be appointed.

Relating to vacancies.



and regulations for the government of the Board, the laying and tapping of pipes, and for the protection of the said pipes or other property and appurtenances of the water works, and to affix penalties, and to enforce the same for any violation of their rules and regulations; to appoint or secure the appointment of such police force and watchman as may be necessary for the protection, care and preservation of and to prevent destruction or injury to the water works and their appendages, and to adopt all necessary regulations to preserve the purity of the water, and to enact and enforce such rules, regulations and penalties as they may deem necessary.

To make rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

IN FIRST BRANCH, March 9, 1896.

Reconsidered—This engrossed bill, being put upon its passage, was passed notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor, by the following vote: Yeas, 15; nays, 4—19.

By order:

WM. C. HARDEN, *Clerk.*

IN SECOND BRANCH, March 9, 1896.

Reconsidered—This engrossed bill, being put upon its passage, was passed notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor by the following vote: Yeas, 7; nays, 2—9.

By order:

ROBT. M. WELCH, *Clerk.*