

## AN ACT

To amend section one of article twenty of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred sixty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the incorporation, regulation, and government of cities of the third class; regulating nomination and election of municipal officers therein; and repealing, consolidating, and extending existing laws in relation thereto," as amended.

Cities of the third class.

Section 1, article 20, of act of June 27, 1913 (P. L. 568), as amended by act of May 27, 1919 (P. L. 310), further amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of article twenty of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred sixty-eight), entitled "An act providing for the incorporation, regulation and government of cities of the third class; regulating nomination and election of municipal officers therein; and repealing, consolidating, and extending existing laws in relation thereto," which was amended by section forty-one of the act, approved the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, three hundred and ten), entitled "An act to amend and revise an act, entitled 'An act providing for the incorporation, regulation, and government of cities of the third class; regulating nomination and election of municipal officers therein; and repealing, consolidating, and extending existing laws in relation thereto,' approved the twenty-seventh day of June, Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, enlarging, changing, modifying, and defining certain of the powers of cities of the third class," is hereby further amended to read as follows:

## ARTICLE XX

When ordinances take effect.

Section 1. No ordinance passed by the council, except as hereinafter mentioned, shall go into effect before ten (10) days from the time of its final passage; and if, during the said ten days from the time of its final passage, a petition signed by electors of the city equal in number to at least twenty per centum of the entire vote for all candidates for mayor at the last preceding general municipal election at which a mayor was elected, protesting against the passage of such ordinance, be presented to the council, the same shall thereupon be suspended from going into operation; and it shall be the duty of the council to reconsider such ordinance; and if the same is not entirely repealed, the council shall submit the ordinance, as is provided by subsection (b) of section one of the preceding article of this act, to the vote of the electors of the city, either at the general or municipal election or a special election to be called for that purpose; and such ordinance shall not go into effect or become operative unless a majority of the qualified electors voting on the same shall vote in

Suspension by petition.

Procedure of council upon suspension.

favor thereof. Upon the written request of one hundred qualified electors, directed to the city clerk, asking that the petition hereinabove provided for be prepared, he shall prepare such petition immediately, and thereupon give notice by one insertion in one of the daily newspapers if one be published in the city, and, if not, then in a weekly or daily newspaper published in the county, that such petition is ready for signing and the purpose of the petition, giving the place where, and time when, it may be signed, and the said signing shall be done in the city clerk's office only, where the petition shall be retained during the period of ten days after the passage of the said ordinance; *and in order to facilitate the signing of such petition, the city clerk shall cause to be made at least two additional similar petitions for signing by the qualified electors, and the signing of such petitions shall have the same force and effect as the signing of the original petition. The city clerk is hereby authorized to employ at least two persons to take charge of said additional petitions, said persons being hereby empowered to administer the oath herein required to be taken by the electors.*

Preparation of petition.

Publication of notice.

Contents of notice.

Signing of petition.

Additional petitions.

Persons to take charge of additional petitions.

Each signer shall add to his signature his place of residence, street, and number, and shall make oath before the city clerk that he is a qualified elector of the city and resides at the address given. The city clerk shall keep his office open for the purpose of signatures to the initiative and referendum petitions from eight o'clock *ante meridian* [in the forenoon] to [twelve (noon) and from one o'clock in the afternoon to five] *ten* o'clock [in the afternoon] *post meridian*, of each day except Sundays and holidays, and he shall not permit any person to sign any of the said petitions after [five] *ten* o'clock [in the afternoon] *post meridian* of the last day for signing the initiative, nor after the tenth day following the passage of the ordinance on which the referendum vote is prayed for, and at the expiration of said ten days, the said petition in which a referendum vote is asked, then in the hands of the city clerk, shall be deemed and taken to be filed with and presented to the council, and it shall be the duty of the city clerk to lay the same before the council at its first meeting thereafter. After its presentation, the city clerk shall ascertain from the voters' registry whether or not said referendum petition is signed by voters equal to twenty per centum of all the votes cast for mayor at the last preceding municipal election at which a mayor was elected, and if necessary the council shall allow him extra help for that purpose, and after he has made said examination he shall report the result thereof to council.

Oaths.

Time for signing.

Filing with council.

Examination by clerk.

APPROVED—The 23d day of April, A. D. 1927.

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