

**THE FOURTH CLASS CITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 215 of 1895**

CHAPTER VI  
ELECTIONS.

**86.1 Annual city election; time, place.**

Sec. 1. An annual city election shall be held on the first Monday in April in each year, at such place or places in each of the several wards of the city, as the council shall designate.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 3007;—CL 1915, 2923;—CL 1929, 1847;—CL 1948, 86.1.

**86.2 Special election; resolution of council.**

Sec. 2. Special elections may be appointed by resolution of the council, and held in and for the city, or in and for any ward thereof, at such times and place or places as the council shall designate; the purpose and object of which shall be fully set forth in the resolution appointing such election.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 3008;—CL 1915, 2924;—CL 1929, 1848;—CL 1948, 86.2.

**86.3-86.9 Repealed. 1974, Act 345, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1974.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed sections pertained to notice of elections, ballot boxes, polls, and board of election inspectors.

**86.10 Elections; manner conducted.**

Sec. 10. All elections held under the provisions of this act, shall be conducted, as nearly as may be, in the manner provided by law for holding general elections in the state, except as herein otherwise provided; and the inspectors of such elections shall have the same powers and authority for the preservation of order, and for enforcing obedience to their lawful commands during the time of holding the election and the canvass of the votes, as are conferred by law upon inspectors of general elections held in this state.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 3016;—CL 1915, 2932;—CL 1929, 1856;—CL 1948, 86.10.

**86.11 Violation of MCL 168.1 to 168.992 applicable to petitions; penalties.**

Sec. 11. A petition under section 3 of chapter I, section 40 of chapter VII, section 11 or 13 of chapter XXVIII, or section 1 of chapter XXXIII, including the circulation and signing of the petition, is subject to section 488 of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.488. A person who violates a provision of the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992, applicable to a petition described in this section is subject to the penalties prescribed for that violation in the Michigan election law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.1 to 168.992.

**History:** Add. 1998, Act 149, Eff. Mar. 23, 1999.

**Compiler's note:** Former MCL 86.11, which pertained to appointments and duties of election commissioners, was repealed by Act 345 of 1974, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1974.

**86.12 Vote by ballot.**

Sec. 12. The electors shall vote by ballot. Such ballot shall be prepared and furnished by the board of election commissioners as provided by the general election laws of the state, and shall contain the names of all officers to be voted for, and all questions or propositions submitted to be voted upon, and all matters touching the form and contents of the ballot and the casting and canvassing of the same, and all other matters touching elections shall be governed by the general election laws of the state, when not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 3018;—CL 1915, 2934;—CL 1929, 1858;—CL 1948, 86.12.

**86.13, 86.14 Repealed. 1974, Act 345, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1974.**

**Compiler's note:** The repealed sections pertained to certificates showing result of election and to persons deemed duly elected.

**86.15 Notification of election or appointment.**

Sec. 15. The city clerk, within 5 days after the meeting and determination of the board of canvassers, shall notify each person elected, in writing, of his election; and he shall also, within 5 days after the appointment of any person to any office in like manner notify such person of such appointment.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 3021;—CL 1915, 2937;—CL 1929, 1861;—CL 1948, 86.15;—Am. 1974, Act 345, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 1974.

**86.16 Oath of office or bond; failure to file; notice by clerk.**

Sec. 16. Within 1 week after the expiration of the time in which any official bond or oath of office is required to be filed, the city clerk shall report, in writing, to the council, the names of the persons elected or appointed to any office, who shall have neglected to file such oath and requisite bond or security for the performance of the duties of the office.

**History:** 1895, Act 215, Eff. Aug. 30, 1895;—CL 1897, 3022;—CL 1915, 2938;—CL 1929, 1862;—CL 1948, 86.16.