

### **14-204. Council members, election, residence, vacancies in offices of mayor or council member, how filled; president of council.**

Each ward of each city governed by this act shall have two council members, who shall be chosen by the qualified electors of their respective wards. No person shall be eligible for the office of council member who is not at the time of election an actual resident of the ward from which elected. If any council member moves from the ward from which elected, the office shall be deemed vacant. Whenever a vacancy occurs, the governing body shall appoint an elector of the ward where the vacancy occurs to be council member for the balance of the unexpired term.

The council shall elect from its membership a president of the council. The president of the council shall preside in the absence of the mayor. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor by death, resignation, removal from the city, removal from office, refusal to qualify, or otherwise, the president of the council shall become mayor until the next regular city election and the vacancy created in the office of the council member becoming mayor shall be filled by the governing body of the city. Thereupon the council shall elect from its membership a new president of the council.

**History:** L. 1872, ch. 100, § 15; R.S. 1923, § 14-204; L. 1968, ch. 274, § 33; L. 1982, ch. 83, § 3; July 1.