

for Chief and Assistant Engineers shall be conducted as hereinafore provided.

SEC. 4. Each and every company shall, at its stated meeting in October, elect two of its members to the Board of Delegates, which Board shall consist of two representatives from each fire company, who, before entering upon the duties of their office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, (to be administered by the President of the Fire Department), to well and truly perform the duties of Delegates, as prescribed in the laws governing the Department.— They shall assemble on the second Wednesday of November, at seven and a half o'clock, P. M., in the room of the Board, and then and there organize by the election of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. They shall make laws for the government of the Fire Department, and all laws made by them shall be binding on every company, officer, or member of the Department; and any company, officer, or member of the Department, who shall violate any of the said laws, or any of the provisions of this Act, or who shall refuse to obey the lawful orders of the Chief or Assistant Engineers, shall, upon complaint, be tried by the Board, and, if found guilty, be censured, suspended, removed from office, or expelled from the Fire Department, as a majority of the Board in its judgment may direct. They shall examine the returns, and declare the result of all Engineers' elections, and give them their certificates of office.

SEC. 5. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, elected by the Board of Delegates, shall be styled, respectively, the "President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the San Francisco Fire Department," and in all business relating thereto, the President and Secretary shall be empowered to administer oaths and affirmations. The President and Treasurer shall be elected from among the Delegates, and the Secretary from the Department at large. The Secretary, if not a member of the Board, shall take and subscribe an oath to perform the duties of the office faithfully, and in accordance with the laws of the Department; and he shall be, *ex-officio*, Clerk of the Chief Engineer.

SEC. 6. A company shall be composed of not more than sixty-five nor less than twenty-five males of the full age of twenty-one years—all of whom must be duly registered members of the Department. The officers of a company shall be a Foreman, at least one Assistant Foreman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. A company desiring admission into the Department, must make application to the Board of Delegates, accompanying such application with a copy of their constitution, signed by at least twenty-five males of the age of twenty-one years, the names of their officers, the residence of their members, and the location they desire; and, should the Board, by a vote of a majority of all its members, decide to recommend the admission of such company, the Secretary of the Department shall forward to the Board of Supervisors a certificate of such recommendation, together with the petition of the company, the constitution of the same, the names of

the officers and men, their residences, and the location desired. If such recommendation shall receive the approval of the Board of Supervisors, the company shall be declared admitted into the Department, and shall be furnished by the city and county with fire apparatus, and a house for receiving the same; and no petition for the admission of any company shall be entertained by the Board of Supervisors, until it shall have received the recommendation of the Board of Delegates.

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful for any company or association not belonging to the Department to perform any of the duties of firemen, when said Department, or any portion thereof, is in service, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 8. Whenever a fire company, by reason of deaths, resignations, or expulsions, shall have reduced its roll to less than twenty-five active registered members, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Department to forthwith notify the Chief Engineer, and the foreman of the company of the fact; and it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to suspend such company until the next stated meeting of the Board of Delegates, when, unless a majority of the members composing the same decide to reinstate the company, it shall be disbanded.

SEC. 9. The Board of Supervisors shall have sole power to order work and supplies for the Department, and to locate all cisterns and fire company houses, hereafter to be built. All proposals for the same shall be opened by the Chief Engineer, in presence of a majority of the Committee on Fire and Water, and by them, without unreasonable delay, awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders; all work done for, and supplies furnished said Department, shall be under the supervision of the Chief Engineer and a majority of the Fire and Water Committee, and they shall certify all bills for such work and supplies.

SEC. 10. Upon the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Board of Supervisors are empowered to sell or exchange, under the supervision of the Chief Engineer and the Fire and Water Committee, any engines or apparatus pertaining to the Department and belonging to the city and county, and the proceeds of such sale or sales shall be paid to and credited by the County Auditor to the Fire Department Fund, and may be appropriated by order of said Board of Supervisors for any necessary purposes connected with the Fire Department; and such amount so received shall not be considered as any part of any amount previously appropriated to the Fire Department Fund, but shall be considered as an extra allowance thereto.

SEC. 11. The Chief Engineer shall report to the Board of Supervisors quarterly, in the months of January, April, July, and October, the number, location and condition of cisterns and fire apparatus, and the state of fire-company houses, and all property of the city in keeping of said Department. Also, all accidents by fire which may have taken place, with the causes thereof, and a description of the property destroyed or injured, with the names of the owners of the