

SUPPLEMENTAL III.—*An Act to establish a Paid Fire Department for the City and County of San Francisco.*—Approved March 2, 1866.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Fire Commissioners of the City and County of San Francisco, consisting of five (5) persons of good character and standing, citizens of the United States, and who shall have been residents of said city and county for at least two years previous to their appointment or election as such Commissioners; and said Board of Fire Commissioners shall be constituted as follows: At the general election for the city and county officers, to be held in said city and county in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, two of said Commissioners shall be elected by the people. At the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said city and county after said election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, said Board of Supervisors shall appoint one other Commissioner; and within thirty days thereafter, the other two of said Commissioners shall be appointed by the association known as the Board of Fire Underwriters of the City and County of San Francisco; and as soon as all said Commissioners have been appointed, they shall draw for the term of their respective offices, viz: One for the term of five (5) years; one for the term of four (4) years; one for the term of three (3) years; one for the term of two (2) years; one for the term of one (1) year; and annually thereafter, there shall be appointed or elected, as the case may be, in the same manner as the person retiring may have been elected or appointed, one person of like character to fill such vacancy, to serve for the term of five years.

SEC. 2. In the event of a refusal or neglect to perform the duties of their office, on the part of any one or more of said Commissioners, or in the event of a vacancy occurring from any cause, the said Board of Supervisors, being duly certified thereof by any one of the said Commissioners, shall declare the office of such Commissioner vacant; and if such vacancy shall be in the office of the Commissioner appointed by the Board of Supervisors, or in the office of the Commissioner elected by the people, said Board of Supervisors shall fill such vacancy at its first session, or as soon thereafter as practicable; or if such vacancy shall be in the office of a Commissioner appointed by said Board of Fire Underwriters, said Board of Supervisors shall forthwith require said Board of Fire Underwriters to fill such vacancy, the new appointee in either case to hold office until the period of the annual reelection or reappointment, as provided in the first section of this Act.

SEC. 3. The said Fire Commissioner shall appoint a Clerk, who by virtue of his office shall be a member of the Fire Department, constituted by this Act, and who shall receive a salary of one hundred dollars (\$100) per month, but shall not be entitled to any other pay, under the provisions of this Act. Said Clerk shall also perform the duties of a Clerk to the Chief Engineer. And the said Fire Commissioners shall be authorized to fit up an office for their use, which shall be centrally located, the cost of which, together with the rents and necessary stationery, shall be paid by the city and county. And said Fire Commissioners, upon their organization, shall immediately have full power, by the vote and concurrence of a majority thereof, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, to take all the necessary steps and proceedings to prepare the Fire Department, constituted by this Act, to go into active operation on the first Monday of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.—[Amendment April 2, 1866.]

SEC. 4. The Fire Department of the City and County of San Francisco shall consist of one Chief Engineer, two Assistant Engineers, one Clerk to the Board of Fire Commissioners and Chief Engineer, who shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with two or more sureties for the faithful performance of his duties; one Corporation Yard Keeper; seven Steam Fire Engine Companies, to consist each of one Foreman, one Engineer, one Driver, one Fireman, and eight Hosemen, one of whom shall act as Assistant Foreman, and one as Clerk, which Clerk shall receive five dollars per month extra; two Hook and Ladder Companies, to consist each of one Foreman, one Driver, one Tillerman, and twelve Hook and Ladder Men, one of whom shall act as Assistant Foreman, and one as Clerk; said Clerk shall receive five dollars per month extra; and Five Hose Companies, to consist each of one Foreman, one Driver, one Steward, and six Hosemen, one of whom shall act as Assistant Foreman, and one as Clerk, which Clerk shall receive five dollars per month extra. Each Steam Fire Engine Company shall have one steam fire engine, one hose reel, one thousand feet of hose, and not more than three horses. Each Hook and Ladder Company shall have one truck, with hooks and ladders and necessary and proper appurtenances and appliances, and two horses. Each Hose Company shall have one hose cart and reel, with one thousand feet of hose, and one horse. But the Board of Supervisors shall have power to increase or diminish the number of Fire Companies, as the public safety of the city and county may require, and to purchase the necessary steam engines, apparatus, and appurtenances therefor; and they may organize such Volunteer Companies, for outside districts, as they may deem necessary, and place apparatus in their keeping; but no member of any such Volunteer Company shall receive any salary for such service from the city and county.—[Amendment March 9, 1868.]