

Monday in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, shall hold office until the first Monday in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-five; and at the general election to be held in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and every two years thereafter, there shall be chosen in said city and county two Fire Commissioners, who shall hold office for the term of four years from the first Monday of December next succeeding their election; and the Fire Commissioner who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors of said city and county on the sixth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, shall hold office until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-two; and prior to said first Monday in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and every four years thereafter, the Board of Underwriters of said city shall appoint one Fire Commissioner, who shall hold office for the term of four years from the first Monday in December next succeeding his appointment.—[Amendment April, 1872.]

SEC. 2. In the event of a refusal or neglect to perform the duties of their office of any one or more of said Commissioners, or in the event of a vacancy occurring from any cause, the Board of Supervisors of said city and county, being duly certified thereof by any one or more of said Commissioners, shall declare the office of such Commissioner vacant, and shall appoint suitable person to fill such vacancy until the next ensuing general election.—[Amended March 14, 1870.]

SEC. 3. The said Fire Commissioners 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 and thirty dollars 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 day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.—[First Monday in December, 1866, Act April 2, 1866.]

SEC. 4. The Fire Department of the City and County of San Francisco shall consist of a Chief Engineer, one First Assistant Engineer, one Second Assistant Engineer, one Third Assistant Engineer, one Fourth Assistant Engineer, one Clerk of 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 Superintendent of all Fire Engines, one Assistant Superintendent of Steam Fire Engines, one Corporation Keeper, one Corporation Yard Drayman, two Hydrantmen, one Veterinary Surgeon; one steam fire engines 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 Clerk, which Clerk shall receive five dollars per month extra; three hook and ladder companies, to consist each of one Foreman, one Driver, one Tiller, one Fireman and twelve Hook and Ladder Men, one of whom shall act as Assistant Foreman and one as Clerk, which Clerk shall receive five dollars per month extra; and five hose companies, to consist each of one Fireman, one Driver, one Steward and six Hosemen, one of whom shall act as Assistant Fireman, 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, with one thousand feet of hose, and not more than four horses. Each hook and ladder company shall have one truck, with hooks and ladders and necessary appurtenances and two horses. Each hose company to have one hose reel, with one thousand feet of hose and one horse. But the Board of Fire Commissioners, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, shall have power to increase or diminish the number of companies as the public safety of the city and county may in their judgment require, such additional companies to have the same number of officers and men as are hereby allowed to companies of the same class; and they may organize such volunteer companies for outside districts of said city and county as they may see fit: *provided*, such volunteer companies shall be subject to the provisions of this Act; but none of the members thereof shall receive any salary; and the Board of Supervisors, upon notification by the Board of Fire Commissioners of any increase of the number of companies, shall purchase the necessary steam engines, apparatus and appurtenances for such additional companies.—[Amendatory April 1, 1872.]

SEC. 5. The Chief Engineer and four Assistant Engineers shall be appointed by said Board of Fire Commissioners, each for the term of two years from and after his appointment, to be removable at the pleasure of said Board; and all subordinate officers and men shall be appointed by said Board of Fire Commissioners, and shall be removable at its pleasure.—[Amendment April 1, 1872.]

SEC. 6. The salaries* of the officers and men composing said Fire Department shall be paid

The Act of March 30, 1872, authorizes the Board of Supervisors, upon the recommendation of the Board of Fire Commissioners, to allow a sum not exceeding fifty dollars per month, for three months, to any member of the department disabled in the discharge of his duties.