

**FIRST CLASS CITIES, BEGINNING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF OFFICIALS**  
**Act of Feb. 12, 1889, P.L. 3, No. 1**

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AN ACT

To provide for the commencement of the terms of office of councilmen, constables and school directors in new wards, when erected in cities of the first class under existing laws and where the several wards constitute separate school districts, to provide for the supervision of the public schools in such new wards until the organization of the board of school directors of the new school section, and to provide for the term of councilmen and constables already elected by the voters of the old ward.

Section 1. Organization; election of constables and school directors

Whenever any new ward is erected or created in any city of the first class within this Commonwealth, the qualified electors of such ward at the next general or municipal election, occurring not less than forty days after the decree of the proper court having jurisdiction declaring the election or creation of such new ward in conformity to law, shall elect one person to serve as a member of select council, such a number of members of common council as the ward is entitled to, according to the list of taxable inhabitants, such a number of constables as is directed by law, and a full board of directors of public schools, together with such a number as they are annually entitled to elect for full terms. On the second Monday after the election of such officers the members of councils shall be admitted to their seats and the constables shall, if they have filed their bonds, enter upon the execution of the duties of their offices; and that all councilmen and constables residing in said new ward or wards, who were elected by the qualified electors of the old ward, shall serve out the respective terms for which they were elected as members from the old ward, and if any election should occur for councils or constables previous to the expiration of their respective terms, they shall be counted as part of the whole number to which said ward is entitled, according to the list of taxable inhabitants.

The term of the member of select council shall be until the first Monday of April, in the third year succeeding the year in which such election has been held. The term of the member or members of common council shall be until the first Monday of April, in the second year succeeding the year in which such election has been held. The term of the constables shall be until the first Monday of April, in the fifth year succeeding the year in which such election has been held. In voting for the directors of public schools, one-third of the number composing the board shall be voted for to serve until the first Monday of January next succeeding such election; one other third shall be voted for to serve until the first Monday of January in the second year succeeding such election; and the other third shall be voted for to serve until the first Monday of January in the

third year succeeding such election. The others to be voted for at said election, as above specified, shall succeed the first class herein designated upon the expiration of their terms as above provided, to-wit, on the first Monday of January in the year next succeeding such election.

On the second Monday following such election, the first three classes provided for as above shall meet at some convenient place in their ward and organize by the election of a president and a secretary. The time and place of such meeting shall be determined by the board of education of such city; and immediately upon their organization the board of school directors of such new ward shall take charge of all such public schools within their ward as are now provided for by law. Until their election and organization the board of school directors of the ward from which such new ward has been taken shall continue to supervise and direct such schools as they did before the erection and creation of the new ward. 1889, Feb. 12, P.L. 3, Sec. 1.

**Compiler's Note:** Section 4 of Act 49 of 2009 provided that section 1 is repealed insofar as it relates to constables.