

SEC. 147. Whenever the offices of President and Vice-President both become vacant, the Secretary of State shall forthwith cause a notification thereof to be made to the executive of every State, and shall also cause the same to be published in at least one of the newspapers printed in each State.

Notification of vacancies to be published.

1 Mar., 1792, c. 8, s. 10, v. 1, p. 240.

SEC. 148. The notification shall specify that electors of a President and Vice-President of the United States shall be appointed or chosen in the several States, as follows:

Requisites of the notification.

1 Mar., 1792, c. 8, s. 10, v. 1, p. 240.

First. If there shall be the space of two months yet to ensue between the date of such notification and the first Wednesday in December then next ensuing, such notification shall specify that the electors shall be appointed or chosen within thirty-four days preceding such first Wednesday in December.

Second. If there shall not be the space of two months between the date of such notification and such first Wednesday in December, and if the term for which the President and Vice-President last in office were elected will not expire on the third day of March next ensuing, the notification shall specify that the electors shall be appointed or chosen within thirty-four days preceding the first Wednesday in December in the year next ensuing. But if there shall not be the space of two months between the date of such notification and the first Wednesday in December then next ensuing, and if the term for which the President and Vice-President last in office were elected will expire on the third day of March next ensuing, the notification shall not specify that electors are to be appointed or chosen.

SEC. 149. Electors appointed or chosen upon the notification prescribed by the preceding section shall meet and give their votes upon the first Wednesday of December specified in the notification.

Time of holding election to fill vacancy.

1 Mar., 1792, c. 8, s. 10, v. 1, p. 240.

SEC. 150. The provisions of this Title, relating to the quadrennial election of President and Vice-President, shall apply with respect to any election to fill vacancies in the offices of President and Vice-President, held upon a notification given when both offices become vacant.

Regulations for quadrennial election made applicable to election to fill vacancies.

1 Mar., 1792, c. 8, s. 10, v. 1, p. 240.

SEC. 151. The only evidence of a refusal to accept, or of a resignation of the office of President or Vice-President, shall be an instrument in writing, declaring the same, and subscribed by the person refusing to accept or resigning, as the case may be, and delivered into the office of the Secretary of State.

Resignation or refusal of office.

1 Mar., 1792, c. 8, s. 11, v. 1, p. 241.

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Commencement of term of office.

1 Mar., 1792, c. 8, s. 12, v. 1, p. 241.

SEC. 153. The President shall receive in full for his services during the term for which he shall have been elected the sum of fifty thousand dollars a year, to be paid monthly, and shall be entitled to the use of the furniture and other effects belonging to the United States and kept in the Executive Mansion. [See § 1829.]

President's salary.

24 Sept., 1789, c. 19, v. 1, p. 72.

18 Feb., 1793, c. 9, v. 1, p. 318.

3 Mar., 1873, c. 226, s. 1, v. 17, p. 486.

Vice-President's salary.

3 March, 1873, c. 226, s. 1, v. 17, p. 486.

Officers of the President's household.

3 March, 1857, c. 108, s. 2, v. 11, p. 228.

23 July, 1866, c. 208, s. 4, v. 14, p. 206.

20 July, 1868, c. 176, s. 1, v. 15, p. 96.

Duties of the steward.

3 March, 1857, c. 108, s. 2, v. 11, p. 228.

23 July, 1866, c. 208, s. 4, v. 14, p. 206.

The steward's bond.

23 July, 1866, c. 208, s. 4, v. 14, p. 206.

SEC. 154. The Vice-President shall receive in full for his services during the term for which he shall have been elected the sum of ten thousand dollars a year, to be paid monthly.

SEC. 155. The President is authorized to appoint or employ in his official household the following officers:

One private secretary, at a salary of three thousand five hundred dollars a year.

One assistant secretary, who shall be a short-hand writer, at a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars a year.

Two executive clerks, at a salary of two thousand three hundred dollars a year each.

One steward of the President's household, at a salary of two thousand dollars a year.

One messenger, at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars a year.

SEC. 156. The steward of the President's household shall, under the direction of the President, have the charge and custody of and be responsible for the plate, furniture, and other public property in the President's mansion, and shall discharge such other duties as the President may assign him. [See § 1532.]

SEC. 157. The steward of the President's household shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond to the United States for the faithful discharge of his trust. Such bond must be in such sum as the Secretary of the Interior shall deem sufficient, and must be approved by him.