

Elections thereafter, etc.
Manner of conducting elections and registrations.

one, and elections shall be held on the first Monday in April in each year thereafter, and the manner of holding said first election and the giving notice thereof, and the manner of registration and the giving notice thereof, shall be the same as near as may be as is prescribed in sections eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen of chapter one of an act entitled "An act for the incorporation of cities," approved April twenty-ninth, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

Present officers to continue until their successors are elected.

SEC. 5. All the officers of the village of Benton Harbor shall remain in office and exercise their powers and duties and the government of said village shall in all respects continue until the city officers and members of the council first elected under the new corporation, or a majority of them, shall enter upon the duties of their offices; and all ordinances and by-laws of the village of Benton Harbor not inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall continue in full force until repealed or amended by the council of the new corporation: *Provided*, That the taxes for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, as now assessed upon those portions of the city of Benton Harbor now contained in the townships of Benton and St. Joseph shall be collected by the township treasurers of those townships for said year.

Ordinances to remain in force.

Proviso as to taxes of 1891.

To be governed by general law.

SEC. 6. Said city shall in all things, except as herein otherwise provided, be governed and its powers and duties defined by the provisions of chapters eighty and eighty-three of Howell's Annotated Statutes of this State and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1891.

[No. 348.]

AN ACT to incorporate the city of St. Joseph, in Berrien county, and to repeal act number two hundred sixty-seven of the session laws of eighteen hundred seventy-three, and all acts amendatory thereof.

Territory incorporated.

SECTION 1. *The People of the State of Michigan enact*, That all that certain territory in the county of Berrien and State of Michigan and described and bounded as follows: Commencing on the east shore of Lake Michigan at a point where the east and west quarter line of fractional section fourteen, in town four south, range nineteen west, touches said lake shore, thence running east to the center of section thirteen in town four south, range nineteen west, thence south to the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section twenty-four, in said town four south, range nineteen west, thence west to the left bank of the St. Joseph river, thence southerly along the left bank of the St. Joseph river to the south line of section twenty-six, in said town four south, range nineteen west, thence west

to Lake Michigan, thence northerly along the shore of Lake Michigan to the place of beginning, excepting the Benton Harbor ship canal and a strip fifty feet wide on each side of the Benton Harbor ship canal extending from the center line north and south of said section twenty-four westerly to the St. Joseph river be and the same is hereby made, constituted and incorporated into a city by the name of the city of St. Joseph.

SEC. 2. The city shall be divided into two wards as follows: Wards.
 All the territory described in section one of this act west of the First ward.
 north and south quarter line of said section twenty-six and west of Main street to the river in the present village of St. Joseph shall constitute the first ward of said city; and all territory Second ward.
 described in section one of this act not included in the first ward shall constitute the second ward of said city.

SEC. 3. There shall be elected annually from each ward of Ward officers.
 said city, one supervisor who shall hold his office for the term of one year and who shall be a member of the board of supervisors of said county of Berrien.

SEC. 4. The first election in said city shall be held on the First and subsequent annual elections.
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