

24. Subject to the provisions of section 31 all questions proposed for decision in the Council shall be determined by a majority of votes of those present and voting. The Commissioner or the Deputy President or other member when presiding shall not have an original vote on any question, but shall have a casting vote if the votes shall be equally divided.

Voting.

25. (1) The Governor may at any time, by proclamation, summon, prorogue or dissolve the Council.

Prorogation  
& dissolution.

(2) The Governor shall dissolve the Council at the expiration of three years from the date of the return of the first writ at the last preceding general election, if it shall not have been sooner dissolved.

26. There shall be a general election at such time, within four weeks of the coming into operation of this Ordinance, and thereafter within two months after every dissolution of the Council, as the Commissioner shall by proclamation appoint.

General  
elections.

27. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and the Standing Orders of the Council, any member may introduce any Bill or propose any motion for debate in, or may present any petition to, the Council and the same shall be debated and disposed of according to the Standing Orders:

Introduction  
of Bills, etc.

Provided that, except with the recommendation or consent of the Commissioner signified thereto, the Council shall not proceed upon any Bill, amendment, motion or petition which, in the opinion of the Commissioner or the Deputy President or other presiding member, would—

(a) dispose of or charge any public revenue or public funds of the Presidency or revoke or alter any disposition thereof or charge thereon, or impose, alter or repeal any rate, tax or duty; or

(b) suspend the Standing Orders of the Council or any of them.