

**Sec. 6. Delivery of papers.** Upon the organization of said court of contest, all papers in the possession of the clerk of the supreme court shall be forthwith delivered to said court of contest.

**Sec. 7. Limitation on hearing.** The time for the trial of any contest relative to a state office shall not be set beyond the last Monday in January following the election.

**Sec. 8. Notice to incumbent - trial.** Upon the organization of said court of contest, the court shall cause a notice of said contest to be served on the incumbent, together with a copy of the statement of contest filed by the contestant. No trial shall be held sooner than twenty (20) days following said notice, except by consent of all parties.

Approved February 27, 1924.

CHAPTER 20  
QUALIFICATION BY PUBLIC OFFICERS  
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AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify sections six hundred (600), six hundred nine (609), and six hundred ten (610) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the time and manner of qualifying of elected or appointed officers.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That sections six hundred (600), six hundred nine (609), and six hundred ten (610) of the compiled Code of Iowa are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

**Section 1. General time to qualify.** Each officer, elective or appointive, before entering upon his duties as such, shall qualify by taking the prescribed oath and by giving, when required, a bond, which qualification shall be perfected, unless otherwise specified, before noon of the second secular day in January of the first year of the term for which such officer was elected.

**Sec. 2. City and town officers - time to qualify.** City and town officers shall so qualify within ten (10) days after their election has been declared by the board of canvassers.

**Sec. 3. Unavoidable casualty.** When on account of sickness, the inclement state of the weather, unavoidable absence, or casualty, an officer has been prevented from qualifying within the prescribed time, he may do so within ten (10) days after the time herein fixed.

**Sec. 4. Contest - time to qualify.** In case the election of an officer is contested, the successful party shall qualify within ten (10) days after the decision is rendered.

Approved January 31, 1924.