

And twenty more at the end of four years.

Within what time Writs must issue. Proviso.

Council in and for those twenty Electoral Districts which shall stand in the List of Electoral Districts certified to the Governor as aforesaid next after those in and for which Elections shall have been already held : and at the expiration of four years from the return of the first of the Writs of Election first issued under this section, (or if the four years should expire during a Session of the Provincial Parliament then at the close of such Session) the remainder of the present Members of the Legislative Council shall vacate their seats, and Writs of Election may be issued for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council in and for the remaining twenty Electoral Districts ; and such Writs of Election shall respectively issue within fourteen days from the time when the issuing thereof is hereby made lawful : If the number of Members on the List certified as aforesaid, be not exactly divisible by two, the number next less than one half thereof shall for the purposes of this Section be taken to be one half, and in making such division all the Members on the list shall be reckoned, although the seats of some of them may in the mean time have become vacant by death, resignation or otherwise.

A similar ballot to be made after a dissolution of the Council.

Order of retirement of Members elected after a dissolution.

Exception.

XXVII. In the Session next after any dissolution of the Legislative Council, the Speaker thereof shall cause to be made by ballot in the manner above provided with respect to the List of Electoral Districts hereinbefore mentioned, and shall certify to the Governor of the said Province, a List of such Electoral Districts arranged in the order which shall have been determined by such ballot, the name of an Electoral District in Lower Canada being inserted first in such List, and then the name of an Electoral District in Upper Canada, and so on alternately, in the order in which the names shall have been drawn ; and the Seats of the Members representing the twenty Electoral Districts standing first on the said List shall be vacated at the end of two years from the return of the writs under which they shall have been respectively elected ; the Seats of the Members representing the twenty Electoral Districts standing next on the said List shall be vacated at the end of four years from the return of the writs under which they shall have been respectively elected ; and the Seats of the Members representing the twenty Electoral Districts standing last on the said List shall be vacated at the end of six years from the return of the writs under which they shall have been respectively elected ; except that if the period during which any such Member shall be entitled to hold his Seat under this Section, shall expire during a Session of the Provincial Parliament, the Seat of such Member shall not be vacated under this Section until the close of such Session.

In what cases only notice of the vacancy in the Council need be given.

XXVIII. In every case where the Seat or Seats of a Member or Members of the Legislative Council shall be vacated by a dissolution or by the mere lapse of time, or the occurrence of the event by which under the provisions of this Act such Seat or