

An Act to amend the Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislature.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

Preamble.

1. At any Periodical Election of Members of the Legislative Council, or any General Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery shall issue all the Writs for such Election within days of each other, so that the last of such writs shall not be issued later than the day after the issuing of the first of such writs; and in the case of a General Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, all the said writs shall be issued (as provided by the Union Act,) within fourteen days after the sealing of the Proclamation or Instrument for summoning and calling together such Legislative Assembly: and every Writ of Election shall be transmitted to the Returning Officer by regular mail, and in no other manner, and shall be posted to his address on the day on which it is issued.

At periodical or general elections, all writs to issue within a certain time of each other, and be sent to Returning Officers by mail.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the thirty-first Section of the Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislature, the Returning Officer shall, within two days next after the reception of the writ of Election, issue the Proclamation in the said section mentioned, fixing the place, day and hour at which he will proceed to hold the Election.

Time for issue of Returning Officers Proclamation limited.

3. The day to be fixed for holding the Election, or Nomination Day, shall not be less than nor more than days after the day on which the Proclamation is issued, if the Election be for a city or town, nor less than days nor more than days after the said day, if it be for a County or Riding for an Electoral Division for the Legislative Council, except only if it be for the County of Gaspé, or the United Counties of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, or any Electoral Division including any of them, in which case the nomination day shall not be less than nor more than days after the day on which the proclamation is issued, which day as well as the nomination day shall not be reckoned in computing any of the intervals of time mentioned in this Section.

And for the Nomination day.

4. If the Election be for a city or town, the Returning Officer shall cause the said proclamation to be posted up as now by law provided, and under the penalty now imposed in case of default:—but if it be for a County or Riding or for an Electoral Division for the Legislative Council, he shall as soon as possible after the issue of the proclamation, transmit by mail, to each Postmaster in such County, Riding or Electoral Division, whose office is not in a city or town divided into wards, at least one copy of such proclamation, and such Postmaster shall immediately on the receipt thereof, post up one copy in some conspicuous place in his office,—and to each Postmaster in any such Electoral Di-

Posting proclamation.