

BILL.

An Act to amend the Act re-uniting the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

WHEREAS it is desirable to introduce the elective principle into the constitution of the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same, that the fourth and fifth Sections of the Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, shall be and are hereby repealed, but the repeal thereof shall not be construed to vacate or affect the seat of any person being a Member of the Legislative Council at the time of the passing of this Act, except as hereinafter provided.

Preamble.

Certain Sections of 3d and 4th Vict. c. 37, repealed.

Proviso.

II. The sixth, seventh and eighth Sections of the Act last above cited, shall apply only to persons who shall be Members of the Legislative Council at the time of the passing of this Act, (hereinafter called "Present Members,") and until they shall cease to be Members thereof under the provisions hereinafter made.

Certain other Sections to whom to apply.

III. Subject to the provisions hereinafter made as to the present Members of the Legislative Council, and as to the composition of the said Council until the Seats of all the present Members thereof shall have been vacated, it shall be composed of Sixty Members, one to be elected for each of the sixty Electoral Districts into which the said Province shall be divided for that purpose; which Electoral Districts, until it shall be otherwise provided by Act of the Legislature of the said Province, shall be those mentioned in the Schedule to this Act.

How the Legislative Council shall be composed.

Electoral Districts established.

IV. The Members of the Legislative Council for the said Electoral Districts respectively, shall be elected by the persons then qualified to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly in respect of property situate in the Electoral District for which the Election is held; and the laws then in force with respect to Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to the issuing and return of Writs of Election, the powers and duties of Returning Officers and their Deputies, and of Election and Poll Clerks, the prevention or punishment of offences committed at or in respect of such Elections, and to all proceedings at Elections or matters connected with or incidental to such Elections, shall extend and apply to Elections of Members of the Legislative Council as fully as to Elections

By whom the Members shall be elected.

Elections to be governed by the present laws relative to Elections of Members of the Assembly.

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