

*Canada*," was or might have been qualified in respect of estate to vote at any election of a member or members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, for any of the several Districts, Counties, Circles, Towns, or Townships within the same, shall be, and all such persons are hereby declared to be, qualified in respect of estate to vote at the election of Councillors in any of the aforesaid Districts respectively; and all the laws and provisions at the passing of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament in force within this Province relating to the qualifications and disqualifications of voters at the elections of members to serve in the said Legislative Assembly, and to the oaths to be taken by voters at the said last mentioned elections, shall apply to every election of Councillors under this Ordinance, and shall determine the qualification and disqualification of voters at such elections, and shall have the same force and effect as if, for the purposes of this Ordinance, such laws and provisions were herein especially enacted: Provided always, that when and so soon as any rate or rates, assessment or assessments, shall be laid under the authority of this Ordinance, no freeholder, inhabitant house-holder, or other person whatsoever, shall be entitled to vote at any election of a Councillor or Councillors as aforesaid unless he shall have been previously rated in respect of all such rates or assessments as may have been laid within the District to which he belongs, and shall have paid all such rates and assessments within such District as may have become due and payable by him before the holding of any such election.

Certain persons incapable of being elected Councillors.

XI. Provided also, and be it Ordained and Enacted, that no person being a Judge of any Court of Justice within this Province; nor any person accountable for the District revenues; nor any person receiving any pecuniary allowance from the District for his services; nor any person having, directly or indirectly, by himself or his partner, any contract or any share or interest in any contract with or on behalf of the District; nor any person who, according to the laws and provisions at the passing of the aforesaid Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled "*An Act to make temporary provision for the Government of Lower Canada*" in force in this Province, was, or might have been, disqualified to sit or vote as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province shall be qualified to be elected a Councillor in any such District.

Elections to conclude in one day.

XII. And be it Ordained and Enacted, that the election of Councillors within every such District shall be concluded on the same day on which it is commenced; and the voting at every such election shall commence at nine o'clock in the forenoon and shall finally close at four o'clock in the afternoon of the day of election.

Penalty for refusing to serve.

XIII. And be it Ordained and Enacted, that every person, duly qualified who shall be elected to the office of Councillor in any District within this Province shall accept such office, or, in lieu thereof, shall pay to the Treasurer of the District in which he shall have been so elected, such fine, not exceeding the sum of £ currency as the Council of such District, by a By-law to be made as hereinafter provided, shall determine in that behalf; and such fine if not duly paid shall, together with the reasonable costs of recovering the same, be levied by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the person so refusing to accept office, in execution of the warrant of any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction within the District who is hereby required, on the application of the Council and after the conviction of the person so making default by confession or on the oath of one or more credible witnesses, to issue such warrant; and the fine so recovered shall be accounted for by the said Treasurer as part of the District fund in his hand: Provided

How recovered