

7th Session, 21st Parliament, 1 Elizabeth II, 1952.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL 18.

An Act to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1952, with respect to the Quorum of the House of Commons.

Preamble.

WHEREAS section thirty-seven of *The British North America Act, 1867*, provided that the House of Commons would consist in the beginning of one hundred and eighty-one members and this number has now been greatly increased;

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AND WHEREAS section forty-eight of *The British North America Act, 1867*, states that the quorum of the House of Commons shall consist of at least twenty members and this number is manifestly too small having regard to the increased membership of the House and it is expedient to correct this discrepancy between membership and quorum;

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THEREFORE, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Section 48 of *The British North America Act, 1867*, chapter three of the Statutes of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 1867, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

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Quorum of the House of Commons.

“48. The presence of at least thirty members of the House of Commons shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the House for the exercise of its powers; and for that purpose the Speaker shall be reckoned as a member.”

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Short title and citation.

2. This Act may be cited as the *British North America Act, 1953*, and the *British North America Acts, 1867 to 1952*, and this Act may be cited together as the *British North America Acts, 1867 to 1953*.

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