

Imperial Act  
31 Geo 3 c  
31 cited

During what  
time the qual-  
ification must  
have been  
possessed

Exception

Qualification  
of Electors in  
Cities or  
Towns — as  
proprietors.

George the Third, commonly called “ The  
Constitutional Act,” and intituled, “ An 2  
“ Act to repeal certain parts of an Act  
“ passed in the fourteenth year of His 4  
“ Majesty’s Reign, intituled, ‘ An Act for  
“ ‘ making more effectual provision for the 6  
“ ‘ Government of the Province of Quebec  
“ ‘ in North America;” and to make fur- 8  
“ provision for the Government of the said  
“ Province,” to forty shillings sterling,) or 10  
upwards, over and above all annual rents,  
whether ground rents (*rentes foncières*) or 12  
constituted rents (*rentes constituées*) or any  
other rents and charges payable out of or 14  
in respect of the same, nor unless such per-  
son be at the time of giving his vote at such 16  
Election, and shall have been in actual and  
uninterrupted possession of such lands or 18  
tenements, or in the receipt of the rents  
and profits thereof as proprietor as afore- 20  
said, by virtue of and under some such title  
as aforesaid, for his own use and benefit, 22  
during at least six calendar months next  
before the date of the Writ of Election, 24  
unless the same shall within the time afore-  
said have come to him by descent or inheri- 26  
tance, or by devise, marriage or contract of  
marriage. 28

XXXI. And be it enacted, That no per-  
son shall be entitled to vote as proprietor at 30  
any such Election, for any City or Town in  
this Province, unless at the time of giving 32  
his vote at such Election he shall be posses-  
sed for his own use and benefit as proprietor, 34  
by virtue of some legal title vesting such  
property in him, either in Fee Simple or 36  
in Freehold under the tenure of free and  
common soccage, or in *fief*, or in *roture*, or 38  
in *franc-aleu*, or by virtue of a certificate  
derived under the authority of the Governor 40  
and Council of the late Province of Quebec,  
or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the 42  
Legislature of either the late Province of  
Upper or Lower Canada, or of the Legisla- 44  
ture of Canada, of a lot of ground with a  
dwelling house thereon, lying and being 46  
within the limits of such City or Town or