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No. 402.

An Act to amend the School Laws of Lower Canada.

THEREAS it is necessary to provide more effectually for re-Preamble. moving the difficulties which sometimes arise with respect to the election of School Commissioners in Lower Canada; Be it therefore enacted. &c..

5 That any School Commissioner whose election shall have been Proceedings obtained by fraud or stratagem, or by the votes of persons not against persons illegally qualified as electors, contrary to the intention of the Acts 9 Victoria, holding the chap. 27; and 12 Victoria, chap. 50, or any person usurping the office of School functions of School Commissioners or illegally holding that office, 10 shall be liable to be summarily prosecuted at the instance of any party interested or of several collectively interested, before one or more Judges of the Circuit Court or one of the Judges of the Superior Court for Lower Canada in the Circuit or District respectively in which such election, usurpation, or illegal detention of office, shall 15 or may have taken place, for the purpose of declaring such election or such detention of office illegal and such seat vacant.

II. For all the purposes of this Act, the procedure to be adopted Procedure to shall be that prescribed by the Act passed in the twelfth year of be that pre-Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to define the mode of V. c. 41. 20 " proceeding before the Courts of Justice in Lower Canada in "matters relating to the protection and regulation of corporate "rights and to Write of Prerogative, and for other purposes "therein mentioned."

III. In case the office shall be declared vacant, or a legal election Proceeding if 25 shall not have been had, thereby preventing the operation of the declared School Laws, it shall be lawful for the Superintendent of Education vacant. for Lower Canada to appoint School Commissioners to fill the vacant office, or to replace those who shall have been illegally elected.