

An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1900.

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

1. *The Dominion Elections Act, 1900*, is amended by inserting the following immediately after section 9:—

1900, c. 12
amended.
New section.

"COMPULSORY VOTING.

9A. Any person who does not vote at an election at which he is qualified to vote shall be disfranchised for a term of six years from the date of such election.

Disqualifica-
tion for not
voting.

10 "2. No person shall, however, be disfranchised if he has been prevented from voting by illness or by absence from the electoral district, if he did not absent himself therefrom in order that he might avoid voting, or if more than one election was being held at the same time and such person voted in some other electoral district where he was qualified to vote: Provided always that a judge of any court of record, upon being satisfied that any person entitled to vote had any other good and sufficient reason for not voting, may grant such person a certificate of enfranchisement annulling the disfranchisement, which certificate may be in the form FF.

Reasons
sufficient for
not voting.

Judge's
certificate of
enfranchise-
ment.

20 "3. Any person who, while disfranchised under the provisions of this section, votes or attempts to vote in any electoral district, shall be guilty of an indictable offence and shall be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and costs and not exceeding two hundred dollars and costs, or, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months and not less than three months, with or without hard labour."

Penalty for
disfranchised
person
voting.

2. The said Act is further amended by inserting the following immediately after section 50:—

New section.

30 "50A. On the day appointed for holding the poll for an election of a member to serve in the House of Commons, every employer of labour, upon application being made therefor by his employee on such day, or within the two preceding days, to him or the foreman or other person then in charge of the office, workshop, or other place where such employee is engaged, shall grant leave of absence during polling hours to such employee, to enable him to vote at such election, provided that his name appears upon the voters' list to be used at any election held on the day appointed as aforesaid, and

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