

47. If any seat in the Federal House of Representatives become vacated and the Province entitled to fill the vacancy neglect or refuse for six months next after the said seat first so became vacated, to fill the same, Her Majesty in Imperial Council may, on behalf of the said Province, appoint a Representative to fill the same, and such appointment shall have the same effect as if the said Representative had been regularly appointed by the Legislative Assembly of the said Province.

48. Federal Councils shall meet for the transaction of business at least once every year, and shall never be dissolved, but may be prorogued from time to time by Her Majesty the Empress.

49. The Local Assembly of any Province, on its own behalf, in response to Her Majesty's writ mentioned in the section next following, or of its own motion, or Her Majesty in Imperial Council, on behalf of any Territory, may, at any time except when the Federal Council is in session, withdraw and cancel the appointment of any of their own appointed Representatives not being at the time a member of the Federal Executive Council, and in his place appoint and substitute, for the remainder of the term of the seat occupied by him, any other duly qualified person.

50. When Her Majesty the Empress deems it expedient and in the interests of the Federacy, Her Majesty may prorogue the Council of such Federacy, and cause to be issued writs to the Lieutenant Governors of the several Provinces within the said Federacy, calling upon the Houses of Assembly in said Provinces to reconsider their appointments of Representatives, and the said Houses of Assembly may substitute and, in the place of any or all of their then Representatives, whether a member of the Federal Executive Council or not, appoint new Representatives, and shall with all due speed make a return of their doings to such writ accordingly.

51. If, after the returns mentioned in the next preceding section are made, it appears to Her Majesty that the impediment to proper legislation which necessitated the issuing of said writs still exists, Her Majesty the Empress in Imperial Council will then reconsider the representation on behalf of the Territories of the said Federacy, and make such substitutions, if any, as appear most advisable and expedient.

52. Upon the first day of June, 1888, Her Majesty the Empress will, by message to the several Houses of Representatives within the Empire, call upon the said Houses of Representatives each to choose and appoint as many Delegates as to its Federacy are assigned. Upon receiving Her Majesty's Message, the said several Houses of Representatives shall at once proceed to comply therewith, and shall respond thereto, certified to Her Majesty the Empress, the names, with place of residence and additions, of the full number of Delegates chosen and appointed, together with each Delegate's acquiescence in and acceptance of said appointment, in writing, signed by each Delegate, and thereupon Her Majesty the Empress will, by Imperial Proclamation, summon the said Delegates upon a day fixed, to meet her as her House of Delegates in Imperial Parliament.

53. The House of Delegates, immediately after its first assembling in Imperial Parliament, shall proceed to divide the seats of Delegates into three classes, as in the House

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