

An Act to repeal the Electoral Franchise Act, and to further amend the Dominion Elections Act.

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

1. This Act may be cited as *The Franchise Act, 1898.* Short title.
- 5 2. This Act shall not apply to the North-West Territories. Application.
3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation.
- (a.) The expression “electoral district” means any place or territorial area in Canada entitled to return a member to serve in the House of Commons; “Electoral district.”
- 10 (b.) The expression “Dominion election” or “election,” means an election of a member to serve in the House of Commons; “Dominion election.” “Election.”
- (c.) The expression “provincial election” means an election of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly, or House of Assembly or General Assembly of a province of Canada; “Provincial election.”
- 15 (d.) The expression “voters’ list,” or “list of voters,” includes, when provincial lists are referred to, any poll-book or official list of persons entitled to vote at a provincial election; “Voters’ list.” “List of voters.”
- 20 (e.) The expression “polling division” includes, when used in reference to provincial elections, any polling subdivision, polling district or sub-district or other territorial area for which there is a separate voters’ list. “Polling division.”
4. *The Electoral Franchise Act*, being chapter five of the Revised Statutes, and all Acts amending it, are hereby repealed. R.S.C., c. 5, and amending Acts, repealed.
5. For the purposes of any Dominion election held within the limits of a province, except as hereinafter otherwise provided,— Provisions as to elections.
- 30 (a.) The qualifications necessary to entitle any person to vote thereat shall be those established by the laws of that province as necessary to entitle such person to vote in the same part of the province at a provincial election; Provincial franchises adopted.
- (b.) The polling divisions shall be those established by or under the laws of that province for the purposes of provincial elections within the territory comprised in the electoral district for which such election is held; Provincial polling division adopted.
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