

Declaration may be required.

case an objection be made to the right of any person to vote in a School section, the chairman or presiding officer at the meeting shall, at the request of any rate payer, require the person whose right of voting is objected to, make the following declaration :

Form.

“ I do declare and affirm that I have been rated on the assessment Roll of this School section as a Freeholder (or Householder. *as the case may be*) and that I have paid a public School tax in this School section within the last twelve months, and that I am legally qualified to vote at this meeting.”

Penalty for false declaration.

Whereupon the person making such declaration shall be permitted to vote on all questions proposed at such meeting ; but if any person refuses to make such declaration his vote shall be rejected ; And if any person wilfully makes a false declaration of his right to vote, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and upon conviction upon the complaint of any person, shall be punishable by fine or imprisonment in the manner provided for in the said Upper Canada Common School Act.

Time and hours for school elections.

4. The poll at every election of a School Trustee or Trustees shall not close before eleven of the clock in the forenoon, and shall not be kept open later than four of the clock in the afternoon ; In school sections the poll shall close on the same day the election is commenced ; in cities, towns and incorporated villages the same time shall be allowed for the election of School Trustees which is allowed for the election of Municipal Councillors in such municipalities.

Sections 45, 46, amended.

Formation of Union School sections.

5. The forty-fifth and forty-sixth sections of the said Upper Canada Common School Act, shall be amended so as to read as follows : “ Under the conditions prescribed in the fortieth section in respect to alterations of other school sections, union school sections, consisting of parts of two or more townships or parts of a township and any town or incorporated village, may be formed and altered by the Reeves and Local Superintendent or Superintendents of the townships out of parts of which such sections are proposed to be formed,—or in the case of a union section of parts of a township or townships and a town or incorporated village, by the Reeve and Local Superintendent of the township, and the Council of the town or village, at a meeting appointed for that purpose by any two of such Reeves, or by the Council of such town or village, of which meeting the other parties authorized to act with them shall be duly notified ; and each union school section composed of portions of adjoining townships or portions of a township or townships and a town or incorporated village, shall, for the purposes of the election of Trustees under their control, be deemed one school section, and shall be considered in respect to superintendence and taxation for the erection of a school house as belonging to the township, town or village in which the same is situated.”

Effect of such Union.