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BILL.

An Act to postpone for a limited time the issuing of writs for the next election of members of the Legislative Council.

WHEREAS, on the twentieth day of February, in the year of Preamble.
 Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, the Legislative Council of this Province voted an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty might be graciously pleased to cause
 5 a measure to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of uniting the Colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward's Island in one government, with provisions based on certain resolutions which were adopted at a conference of delegates from the said colonies held at the city of Quebec on the
 10 tenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and set forth in the said Address; and on the fourteenth day of March, in the same year, the Legislative Assembly of this Province voted an humble Address to Her Majesty, containing the same prayer; and whereas the said Addresses were transmitted by His Excellency the
 15 Governor, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and the said Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a despatch to His Excellency, dated the eighth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and communicated by His Excellency to both Houses of the Provincial
 20 Legislature during the now last session, informed His Excellency that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the said Addresses very graciously, and that Her Majesty's Government had seen with great satisfaction that both Houses of the Canadian Legislature had adopted Addresses, to the Crown expressive of their desire for the accomplishment
 25 of a measure calculated materially to add to the strength and promote the welfare of the Provinces of British North America; and whereas there is therefore reason to believe that the measure aforesaid for the union of the Provinces of British North America will be submitted to and enacted by the Imperial Parliament at an early date, and in view of the
 30 said Union and of the changes which will be thereby effected, it is inexpedient that an election of Legislative Councillors for the Electoral Divisions of the Province hereinafter mentioned should be held during the present year; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as
 35 follows:

1. For and notwithstanding any provision in the first chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, requiring the Governor to issue writs on or before the first day of September of the present year, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, for the election of twelve Legislative Councillors to represent the Electoral Divisions of Gulf, Lasalle, Saurel, Repentigny, Montarville, Alma, Tecumseth, Gore, Erie, York, Cataraque and St. Lawrence, and to make the same returnable on the first Tuesday in November in the said year, such writs shall not be issued before the 16th day of July, in the year, 1867, and the members
 40 of the Legislative Council representing the said Electoral Divisions therein at the time of the passing of this Act, shall continue to be the
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Periodical elections of Legislative Councillors for certain Electoral Divisions postponed.