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**BILL.**

[No. 385.]

**An Act to render the Mayor of the City of Quebec elective by the People.**

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the Mayor of the City of Quebec should be elected by the people; Be it therefore enacted, &c., Preamble.

That the Mayor of the said City of Quebec, on and after the first Monday in the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shall be elected from among the persons qualified to be Councillors of the said City by the majority of the votes of the electors qualified to vote at elections of Councillors, to be taken in the Wards in which they are severally and respectively entitled to vote at elections of Councillors of the said City. Mayor to be elective on or after the 1st Feby., 1854, and by whom.

II. And be it enacted, That at the annual election of Councillors in each year after the passing of this Act, the electors voting at such election of Councillors in the several Wards of the said City, shall at the same time elect from among the persons qualified as aforesaid, a fit and proper person to be the Mayor of the said City; and unless the electors in all the Wards of the said City be unanimous in their choice, such election of a Mayor shall be held, and the voting and other proceedings in case of a contest, shall be conducted in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and regulations as are or shall be legally in force with respect to the election of Councillors; and after finally closing the poll in each Ward at any such election, the officer or person by whom the same shall be held, shall forthwith proceed publicly to declare the number of votes given for each candidate or person receiving votes as Mayor, and shall make a return thereof, with the Poll Books in which the votes are entered, to the City Clerk. Mode in which votes shall be given for Mayor. Number of votes given for each candidate to be declared in each Ward, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to ascertain and report to the Council of the said City, at the meeting thereof on the second Monday in February in each year, or if prevented from so doing, then at the next meeting of the said Council, the total number of votes given for each candidate for the office of Mayor, and the name of the person for whom the greatest number of votes shall have been given by the voters of all the Wards, and the Council, after examination of the Council after the report of City Clerk to decide who is the person elected as Mayor.