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BILL.

An Act to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions by providing a system for the Registration of Voters.

WHEREAS it is right to extend the Elective Franchise to certain classes of persons who are now excluded from voting at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and to provide for the Registration of persons entitled to vote at such Elections in certain Electoral Divisions, and for that purpose to amend the Act now in force in that behalf; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

Preamble.

That in addition to the persons who may be entitled to vote at Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, under the provisions of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "*An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act, the several Statutory provisions now in force for the regulation of Elections of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof*," as hereby amended, the following persons being of the full age of twenty-one years, and subjects of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, and not being by any Act or law prevented from voting as being the holders of any office, or otherwise, shall be entitled to vote at such Elections, that is to say:—

Certain persons qualified to vote in addition to those mentioned in 12 Vic. c. 27.

Every male person entered on the then last Assessment Roll, revised, corrected, and in force in any City, or incorporated Town, as the owner or as the tenant or occupant of real property therein, of the assessed yearly value of pounds shillings currency or upwards, shall be entitled to vote at any Election of a Member to represent such City, or incorporated Town, or any Electoral Division in which it is included :

In cities and in incorporated towns.

Every male person entered on the then last Assessment Roll, revised, corrected and in force in any Parish, Township, or place not being within any City or incorporated Town, as the owner, tenant or occupant of real property of the assessed actual value of pounds currency, or upwards, shall be entitled to vote at any Election of a Member to represent the Electoral Division in which such Parish, Township or place is included :—subject always to the provisions hereinafter made.

In other places.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever two or more persons shall, whether as being partners in business, joint tenants or tenants in common, or *par indivis*, be entered on such Assessment Roll as aforesaid as the owners of any real property, or as tenants or occupants thereof, each of such persons shall be entitled to be entered on the list of Voters

Persons holding as tenants in common, &c., may vote. Exceptions.