

## I. ELECTION PETITIONS AND THEIR RECEPTION.

thereby limited for presenting and bringing up Election Petitions not containing any such charge of bribery or corruption as aforesaid, a like further time shall be allowed beyond the said *twenty-eight* days herein and hereby limited for presenting and bringing up Election 5 Petitions containing any such charge of bribery or corruption as aforesaid; and all the provisions hereinbefore contained for such purpose in the *second, third, fourth* and *fifth* sections of this Act, shall apply as if the same had been here repeated *mutatis mutandis*, in respect of Elec- 10 tion Petitions containing any such charge of bribery or corruption as aforesaid, and the said *twenty-eight* days hereby allowed for the presenting and bringing up of the same as aforesaid.

No petition to be deemed an Election Petition unless presented in due time.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no Petition, although 15 otherwise within the description of an Election Petition contained in the first section of this Act, shall be deemed to be an Election Petition within the meaning of the same, unless it shall have been presented to the said Commons House of Legislative Assembly, within the time for that 20 purpose limited with respect to such Petition, by the provisions contained in the *six* next preceding sections of this Act.

On what conditions a petition may be withdrawn.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Petitioner may at any 25 time after the presentation of every such Election Petition, withdraw the same upon giving notice in writing under his hand or under the hand of his Agent to the Speaker, and also to the sitting Member or his Agent, and also to the party who may have been admitted to oppose the prayer of such Petition, that it is not intended 30 to proceed with the Petition, and in such case the Petitioner shall be liable to the payment of such costs and expenses as may have been incurred by the sitting Member or other party complained of in such Petition; and also by any party admitted to oppose the prayer of such 35 Petition, to be taxed as hereinafter provided.

## II. RECOGNIZANCES.

Security for costs, to be given before the petition is presented; amount and form of recognizance, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That before any Election Petition shall be presented to the House, a recognizance shall be entered into by *one, two, three* or *four* persons; as sureties for the person subscribing such Petition, for 40 the sum of *two* hundred pounds in one sum or in several sums of not less than *fifty* pounds each, for the payment of all costs and expenses which under the provisions herein contained shall become payable by the person subscribing the Petition to any witness summoned in his 45 behalf, or to the sitting Member or other the party complained of in such Petition, or to any party who may be admitted to defend such Petition as hereinafter provided,