

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada in so far as it relates to Elections in townships divided into wards.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 1.** Whenever a township in Upper Canada is divided into wards, and polling places established therein, and returning officers appointed therefor, under the provisions of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, a meeting of the electors for such township shall take place on the last Monday but one in the month of December, before the annual election, as provided by the said Act, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the nomination of candidates for the councillors to be elected for the said township, at the township hall, if there be one in the said township, but if there be no township hall, then at the place where the first meeting of the council of the said township was held for the then current year; and the township clerk shall give the notice required by section ninety-seven of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada. Meeting for nomination of candidates.
- 2.** The township clerk shall preside at such meeting, or in case of his absence, through sickness or otherwise, the council shall appoint a person to preside in his place; and if the clerk or the person so appointed does not attend, the electors present shall choose a chairman, being an elector, to officiate, from among themselves. Who shall preside.
- 3.** Such clerk or person so appointed, or chairman so chosen, shall have all the powers of a returning officer. Powers of presiding officer.
- 4.** If only five candidates have been, within one hour, proposed by any of the electors present at such meeting, the clerk or person so appointed to preside, or chairman so chosen, as the case may be, shall declare such candidates duly elected councillors to serve for the then next following year. If only five candidates are proposed.
- 5.** If more than five candidates shall be proposed at such meeting, and any candidate proposed after the first five, or any elector on his behalf, shall demand a poll, the said clerk or person so appointed, or chairman so chosen shall, on the following day, post up in the office of the clerk the names of the candidates so proposed, and give notice of the names to the returning officer appointed for each and all the said wards. If more than five. Notice to returning officer.
- 6.** In case of the nomination of more than five candidates, and no candidate nominated after the first five, or no elector on his or their behalf then demanding a poll as aforesaid, the clerk or person so If no poll is demanded.