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**BILL.**

[No. 95.]

An Act to repeal the Acts regulating the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada, and to provide for the Election of Jurors by the Municipal Councils.

**WHEREAS** the Acts regulating the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada have been found to operate unfavorably, and it is desirable to apply the principle of Election by the Municipal Councils to the appointment of Jurors : Be it therefore enacted, &c., as follows :

Preamble.

I. The Act of the 10th and 11th year of Her Majesty's Reign, chap. 13, and the Act of the 14th and 15th year of Her Majesty's Reign, chap. 89, shall be and are hereby repealed from and after the first day of July next, on which day this Act shall go into effect.

Former Acts repealed.

II. It shall be the duty of the Council of each City, County, or Incorporated Town Municipality throughout Lower Canada, in the month of July next, to prepare two lists of such inhabitants of each parish, township, or ward within their jurisdiction as they shall think well qualified to serve as Grand and Petty Jurors and Jurors in Civil Cases, being persons of good moral character and sound judgment, and free from all legal exceptions.

Municipal Councils to make Lists of Jurors.

III. The Grand Jury List shall contain the names of every member or ex-member of either of the Legislative Bodies, Field Officer of Militia, Justice of the Peace, Physician or Surgeon, Notary Public, Mayor, Councillor and Secretary Treasurer of every City, incorporated Town, or County Council, which the Council making such list may think fit and proper to inscribe thereon, and of such other persons as the said Council shall select to serve as Grand Jurors ; and the said names contained in the said list shall be numerically as near as may be not less than \_\_\_\_\_ nor more than \_\_\_\_\_ for every hundred inhabitants of each Parish, Township, or Ward.

Grand Jury List.

Number of names on it.

IV. The Petty Jury List shall contain the names of all such persons as the Councils may think fit and proper to select to serve as Petty Jurymen, but none of the official or professional persons indicated in the next preceding section shall be inscribed thereon ; and the names contained in the said list shall be numerically as near as may be not less than \_\_\_\_\_ nor more than \_\_\_\_\_ for every hundred inhabitants of each Parish, Township, or Ward.

Petty Jury List.

Number of names on it.

V. In the month of July of every second year the said list shall be revised by the Councils and such additions made thereto as may be necessary to fill up vacancies therein, and the Councils may remove or add any names to the same : Provided always, that the same numerical proportion of the names thereon to the then population of each Parish, Township, or Ward shall be maintained.

Biennial Revision of Lists.