

“ provisions of law, to be elected and returned to serve  
 “ as a Member thereof.”

Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to affect any Act now in force in either of the said Provinces respectively, relating to the qualification ( other than as respects property ) of any candidate or voter at elections.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any person shall knowingly and wilfully take a false oath respecting his qualification, either as candidate or voter at any election as aforesaid, and shall thereof be lawfully convicted, such person shall be liable to the pains and penalties by law inflicted on persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury in the Province in which such false oath shall have been taken.

Persons  
swearing  
falsely guilty  
of perjury.

XV. And be it further enacted, That whenever hereafter any question shall arise touching the validity of the election or return of any person in either Province to serve in the Assembly, such question shall be tried in the Joint Assembly, according to the mode of proceeding now established by law in that Province in which the disputed election or return shall have been made, until a uniform course of proceeding shall be duly established for both Provinces.

Trials of  
contested  
Elections.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Governor in Chief, or in case of his death or absence, then for such other person, and in such order respectively as is hereinbefore directed, if at any time he shall deem it expedient, to summon and authorize, by an instrument under his hand and seal, two Members of the Executive Council of each Province to sit in every Assembly, with power of debating therein, and with all other powers, privileges and immunities of the Members thereof, except that of voting.

Governor  
may sum-  
mon Two  
Members of  
the execu-  
tive Council  
of each Pro-  
vince to the  
Assembly.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Legislative Council and Assembly shall be called together for the first time at some period not later than the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and once afterwards in every twelve calendar months, and that the said Governor in Chief, or in case of his death or absence, such other person, and in such order respectively as is hereinbefore directed, shall and may convene the first

Joint Legis-  
lature to be  
summoned  
not later  
than 1st Sep-  
tember 1824,  
and once  
every twelve  
months after  
wards.