

Future  
Elections.

then elected shall enter upon the performance of the duties of their office on the first day of January, 1852, having first given the security required by law for the faithful performance of the said duties; and all future elections shall be held on the same days of the week and month in every third year. 5

Registers to  
be Returning  
Officers.

III. And be it enacted, That the Registers of deeds and titles for the several Counties shall be Returning Officers for the respective Counties over which their authority, as such Registers, shall extend; and in cases of Counties united for judicial purposes, the Register of either of such Counties, who has been longest in office; and in case of the death of any Register, or his absence from Upper Canada, or in case he is incapacitated by sickness from acting as Returning Officer, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint any resident elector of a County to perform the duties of such Returning Officer in such County. 15

Penalty for  
refusing to  
act as  
Returning  
Officer.

12 Vict. c. 27.

IV. And be it enacted, That the penalty for refusing to act as such Returning Officer shall be the same as is provided in the eighth section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chap. 27, 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,*" and the mode or manner of the election of Sheriff, and the proceedings during the election, shall be, in all respects, the same as are provided in the said Act, commencing with section nine and ending with section sixty-nine, exclusive of section forty-eight, so far as the provisions of the said Act are applicable to the elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assemblies of this Province for the several Counties and Ridings in Upper Canada; except that in the oaths, proclamations, commissions, and indentures in the Schedule attached to said Act, the words, "Sheriff of the said County," or other suitable words, naming the officer to be or who shall have been elected, shall be substituted for the words indicating that the election is for one or more Members of the Legislative Assembly; and except that those parts of said Act which provide for, or refer to the trial of the merits of any election by the Legislative Assembly, in case it should be controverted, shall not apply to the election of any person to fill the office of Sheriff. 20 25 30 35 40 45

Certain provisions of that Act extended to elections under this Act.

Exceptions.

Provision for filling vacancies occurring between the elections.

V. And be it enacted, That if any vacancy shall occur in the office of Sheriff of any such County as aforesaid, before the expiration of the period for which he was elected, such vacancy shall, for the remainder of such