

34. No petition against an election or against the return of a person as having been elected, nor the defence to such petition, shall be objected to by reason of defects or errors in form, but the Court shall compel the parties to proceed to *enquête* and hearing on the merits of
 5 such petition without delay, so as to ensure the speedy proceeding with the matter as provided for with respect to matters requiring despatch.

35. The parties, whether the complainant or the party complained against, shall be bound to answer all such questions as may be put to them by the opposite party, respecting the proceedings at such election ;
 10 and the party desirous of interrogating and putting such questions to his opponent, shall previously communicate the same to him, serving upon him, at the same time, the order fixing the day on which he must appear to answer such questions, in the manner prescribed for the service of the writ of Summons.

36. Any refusal or neglect to answer such questions shall be declared and taken to be a confession and admission of the facts.
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37. Any person who shall make any false statement under oath in relation to any fact or matter whatsoever having reference to such petition and complaint and resulting therefrom, shall be guilty of perjury
 20 and punished in conformity with the laws against perjury.

38. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General for the section of the Province in which the persons incriminated by any such judgment of the Court reside, to take or cause to be taken such proceedings as the laws relating to the matter, direct, within three months after the
 25 rendering of judgment on such petition, against each and every person incriminated by the facts established by the judgment.

39. The person who holds in such section the office of Attorney General at the period at which such proceedings ought to be commenced, shall be guilty of negligence in the discharge of the duties of his office,
 30 if he neglects to institute such proceedings within the delay prescribed by the next preceding section.

40. The Returning Officer at such election shall be bound to return and transmit the writ of Summons, service of which shall have been made upon him in conformity with the fifth Section of this Act, to the
 35 Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, or to any other officer appointed by Law for that purpose, in the manner and with the formalities prescribed for the return and transmission of the writ of Election.

OBJECT OF THIS ACT.

41. The object of this Act is to secure purity and freedom of election, and to place the decision of contested elections beyond the evil influences of party.
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REPEAL OF EXISTING LAWS.

42. Chapter seven of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, respecting Controverted Elections, and all Acts contrary to this Act, are hereby repealed.