

and continuing by rotation in the order in which they were drawn, and not reckoning those weeks in which no Select Committee is appointed to be chosen.

Select Committee for trying Petition, how chosen, number, &c., who disqualified.

LXI. And be it enacted, That the General Committee shall meet at the time and place appointed for choosing the Committee to try any Election Petition, and shall choose from the Panel in service four Members not being then excused or disqualified from any of the causes aforesaid, and not specially disqualified for being appointed on the Committee to try such Petition for any of the following causes, that is to say : by reason of having voted at the Election, or by reason of being the party on whose behalf the seat is claimed, or related to him or to the sitting Member by kindred or affinity in the first, second, third or fourth degree, according to the civil law.

Four Members of General Committee must agree in the choice, otherwise the General Committee adjourn the choice.

LXII. And be it enacted, That if at the least four Members then present of the General Committee of Elections, do not agree in choosing a Committee to try any Election Petition, the General Committee shall adjourn the choosing of that Committee and of the remaining Committees appointed to be chosen on the same day, to the following day, and the parties shall be directed to attend on the following day, and if such following day happen during an adjournment of the House, then on the day to which the House stands adjourned, and so from day to day until all such Committees are chosen, or until the General Committee of Elections is dissolved as hereinbefore provided ; and the General Committee shall not in any case proceed to choose a Committee to try an Election Petition until they have chosen a Committee to try every other Election Petition standing higher in the list aforesaid, the order for referring which has not then been discharged, except in the case when the day originally appointed for choosing a Committee has been changed under the provision hereinbefore contained.

Chairman to be chosen from Chairmen's Panel, &c.

LXIII. And be it enacted, That on the day appointed by the General Committee to choose an Election Committee, the Members upon the Chairmen's Panel shall, in the manner hereinafter provided, select one of such Members to act as the Chairman of such Election Committee, and when they have been informed by the General Committee that four Members of such Election Committee have been chosen, they shall communicate the name of the Member so selected by them to the General Committee, but no Member shall be so elected who would be disqualified from serving on such Committee if not upon the Chairmen's Panel ; Provided always, firstly, that if with reference to any Petition for trying which they are about to appoint a Chairman, the Members of the Chairmen's Panel receive notice from the Speaker under the provision hereinbefore contained, of the death or vacancy of the seat of the sitting Member petitioned against in such Petition, or that it is not his intention to defend his seat, they shall suspend their proceedings with regard to the appointment of a Chairman to try such Petition until the day appointed by the General Committee of Elections for selecting a Committee to try such Petition ; and provided also, secondly, that every such selection of a Chairman shall be either by the unanimous voices of all the Members of such Chairmen's Panel, or in case of the absence of any Member of such Chairmen's Panel, on any such occasion, or of the dissent of the Member proposed to be selected, or of any other Member thereof, from any such proposed selection, then, and in every such case, the Chairmen's Panel, or such of them as shall be present, shall, in the presence of the parties interested or concerned in such Election Petition, their Counsel, or agent, or such of them as shall attend, proceed to select one of such Chairmen's Panel, by lot, to be the Chairman of such Election Committee.

Proviso : in case of notice of vacancy of seat or non intention to defend.

Proviso : choice of Chairman to be unanimous or by vote.

Subject to this Act, the Members of the Chairmen's Panel may make regulations, &c.

LXIV. And be it enacted, That subject to the provisions of this Act, the Members upon the Chairmen's Panel may from time to time make such Regulations as they find convenient for securing the appointment or selection of Chairmen of Election Committees, and for distributing the duties of Chairmen among all of them.

Parties to be called and informed of names of Committee and Chairman.

LXV. And be it enacted, That as soon as the General Committee of Elections has chosen four Members of a Committee to try any Election Petition, and has received from the Members of the Chairmen's Panel the name of a Chairman to serve on such Committee,