

Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, that from and after the dissolution or expiration of the present General Assembly, the House of Assembly shall consist of 29 members, of whom 10 shall be a quorum; and that for the purpose of the election of the members of the said Assembly this island shall be divided as follows; that is to say, the district of Twillingate and Fogo, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Twillingate and Fogo, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members. The district of Bonavista, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Bonavista, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members. The district of Trinity, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Trinity, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by three members. The district of Conception Bay, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Conception Bay, and shall be represented in the General Assembly by seven members; of whom two shall be chosen by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the southern division thereof, lying between the district of St. John's and Cupids inclusive; one by the electors residing in that part of the said district to be called the Port de Grave division thereof, lying between Cupids and Bay Roberts inclusive; two by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the Harbour Grace Division thereof, lying between Spaniards' Bay inclusive and Harbour Grace inclusive, including Harbour Grace Island; one by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the Carbonear Division thereof, lying between Harbour Grace exclusive and Fresh Water exclusive; one by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the Bay de Verds Division thereof, lying between Fresh Water and Bay de Verd, both inclusive. The district of St. John's, which shall comprise the present electoral district of St. John's, and shall extend southward and westwardly to a straight line drawn from the northern Gould's Bridge, on the Bay Bulls road, to Broad Cove, both inclusive, shall be represented in the said General Assembly by six members; of whom three shall be chosen by the electors of the said district residing southward of St. John's Harbour, and westward of a line drawn from the said harbour through the centre of Beck's Cove, thence across Duckworth-street, round the west side of Play-house Hill, along the centre of Carter's-lane, up Carter's Hill, thence along Cook's Town-road, thence along Fresh Water-road to the west end thereof, and thence in a direct line to Broad Cove settlement inclusive, which shall be called the Division of St. John's, West; and three by the electors of the said district residing eastward and northward of the above-named cove, line, lane, and roads, including Belle Isle, which shall be called the Division of St. John's, East. The district of Ferryland, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Ferryland, and extending to the said south-western boundary of the district of St. John's, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members. The district of Placentia and St. Mary's, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Placentia and St. Mary's, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by three members. The district of Burin, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Burin, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members. The district of Fortune Bay, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Fortune Bay, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by one member. And also all that part of the south coast of the island lying between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray, with the islands adjacent thereto, shall form an electoral district, to be called the district of Burgeo and La Poile, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by one member.

House of Assembly to consist of 29 Members.

Electoral districts defined, and representatives thereof apportioned.

And whereas, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act, passed in the 10th and 11th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to render permanent certain parts of the Act for amending the Constitution of the Government of Newfoundland," Her Majesty, by Royal Instructions, bearing date the 19th day of July 1848, did, among other things, declare, that the qualification of persons thereafter to be elected to serve as members of the Assembly of this island, should be fixed at a net annual income, arising from any source whatever, of 100*l.*; or the possession of property, clear of all incumbrances, exceeding 500*l.* in value; and the length of the period of residence within the said island which should be required, in addition to any other qualification, for being elected to the General Assembly aforesaid, should be the period of two years preceding such election:

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, that the qualification so hereinbefore declared, in addition to any other qualification now by law required for members to serve in the Assembly aforesaid, shall be and continue as the same are hereinbefore declared and defined.

Qualification of Members of the House of Assembly.

III. For the purpose of the election of members to serve in any future General Assembly, it shall be lawful for the Governor for the time being to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of returning officer in each of the said electoral districts, and divisions of districts, of this island, to whom writs, in Her Majesty's name, shall be issued, directing them to summon the freeholders and householders of all the said districts and divisions of districts, respectively, to proceed to the election of persons to represent them in the General Assembly, according to the regulations and directions contained in Her Majesty's Royal Instructions aforesaid, and such other regulations and directions as shall be signified in any proclamation or proclamations to be issued by the Governor, according to the laws of this island now in force, or hereafter to be in force in that behalf.

Elections of Members of the House of Assembly to be held agreeably to Royal Instructions, &c.

IV. That this Act shall have no force or effect until Her Majesty's pleasure shall have been first duly signified.

Suspending clause.