

vince into Districts, or Counties, or Circles, and Towns or Townships, and appointing the Limits thereof, and declaring and appointing the number of Representatives to be chosen by each of such districts, or counties or circles, and towns or townships, respectively; and that it shall also be lawful for his Majesty, his heirs or successors, to authorize such Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government, from time to time to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of Returning Officer in each of the said districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships respectively; and that such division of the said provinces into districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships, and such declaration and appointment of the number of Representatives to be chosen by each of the said districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships respectively, and also such nomination and appointment of returning officers in the same, shall be valid and effectual to all the purposes of this Act, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs, or successors.

Power of the Governor to appoint Returning Officers, to continue Two Years from the commencement of this Act.

XV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the Provision herein-before contained, for empowering the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the said provinces respectively, under such authority as aforesaid from his Majesty, his heirs or successors, from time to time, to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of Returning Officer in the said districts, counties, circles, and towns or townships, shall remain and continue in force in each of the said provinces respectively, for the term of Two Years, from and after the commencement of this Act, within such Province, and no longer; but subject nevertheless to be sooner repealed or varied by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors.

No person obliged to serve as Returning Officer more than once, unless otherwise provided by an Act of the Province.

XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That no person shall be obliged to execute the said office of Returning Officer for any longer time than one year, or oftener than once, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, assented to by his Majesty, his heirs or successors.

Number of Members in each Province.

XVII. Provided also, and be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the whole number of members to be chosen in the Province of Upper Canada shall not be less than sixteen, and that the whole number of members to be chosen in the Province of Lower Canada shall not be less than fifty.

Regulations for issuing Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the Assemblies.

XVIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the said Assemblies respectively, shall be issued by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering his Majesty's Government within the said provinces respectively, within fourteen days after the sealing of such Instrument as aforesaid for summoning and calling together such Assembly, and that such Writs shall be directed to the respective Returning Officers of the said districts, or counties, or circles, and towns or townships; and that such Writs shall be made: