

lative Council unless he be of the age of thirty years, a natural born or naturalized subject of her Majesty, and legally or equitably seised or entitled for his own use in possession of or to a freehold estate in the colony of such gross or yearly value as the Legislature now by law established in the said colony shall fix as a sufficient qualification, with this limitation, that such qualification shall not be fixed at a greater sum than four thousand pounds of gross value, or two hundred pounds of yearly value, nor at a less sum than double the amount required for the qualification of a member of the House of Assembly.

Legislative Council.

15. That, subject to any alteration to be made by the Colonial Parliament, the said Legislative Council shall immediately upon assembling together after its first election be divided by lot into three classes, each class to be as nearly as may be equal in numbers, and the seats of the first class shall be vacated at the end of the third year from the date of the issuing of the writs for the first election of the said Council; the seats of the second class shall be vacated at the end of the sixth year from such date as aforesaid; and the seats of the third class at the end of the ninth year from such date as aforesaid; and all members elected to fill the seats so vacated, shall hold their seats for the term of nine years: Provided, nevertheless, That, whenever a casual vacancy occurs in the seat of a legislative councillor, the person elected in his stead shall hold his seat for such period only as the member in whose stead he is elected would have held his seat if the same had not been so vacated.

Succession of members of the Legislative Council.

16. That, subject to any alteration to be made by the Colonial Parliament, the House of Assembly shall consist of such number of members, not exceeding [sixteen], as the Legislature now by law established in the said colony may think fit, and for the purpose of constituting the House of Assembly the Legislature now by law established in the said colony shall within three calendar months after the proclamation of this Act divide the colony into electoral districts, and determine the number of members to be returned for each district.

IV.  
HOUSE OF  
ASSEMBLY.

Constitution of House of Assembly.

17. That, subject to any alteration to be made by the Colonial Parliament, no person shall be capable of being elected a member of the said House of Assembly unless he be of the age of twenty-one years, a natural born or naturalized subject of her Majesty, and be legally or equitably seised or entitled for his own use in possession of or to a freehold estate in the colony of such gross or yearly value as the Legislature now by law established in the said colony, may fix as a sufficient qualifi-

Qualification of members of the House of Assembly.