

26. It shall be lawful for the Legislature of the Province of *Canada*, by any Act or Acts to be hereafter passed, to alter the divisions and extent of the several Counties, Ridings, Cities, and Towns which shall be represented in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and to establish new and other divisions of the same, and to alter the apportionment of Representatives to be chosen by the said Counties, Ridings, Cities, and Towns respectively, and make a new and different apportionment of the number of Representatives to be chosen in and for those parts of the Province of *Canada* which now constitute the said Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* respectively, and in and for the several Districts, Counties, Ridings, and Towns in the same, and to alter and regulate the appointment of Returning Officers in and for the same, and make provision, in such manner as they may deem expedient, for the issuing and return of Writs for the election of Members to serve in the said Legislative Assembly, and the time and place of holding such Elections.

Power to alter system of representation.

(The Proviso to this section, that a Bill for altering the number of Representatives, must be passed by a two third vote in each House, &c., is repealed by the Imperial Act 17, 18 V. c. 118, s. 5.)

Section 27, continuing Provincial Laws relative to Elections, Returning Officers, controverted Elections, vacating seats of Members, &c., and declaring them applicable to Elections, &c., under this Act, until other provision should be made by the Provincial Legislature,—is superseded by the Provincial Enactments on those subjects.)

28. No person shall be capable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, who shall not be legally or equitably seized as of free-hold, for his own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in free and common soccage, or seized or possessed, for his own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in fief or in roture, within the said Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, charges, mortgages, and incumbrances charged upon and due and payable out of or affecting the same; and every Candidate at such Election, before he shall be capable of being elected, shall, if required by any other Candidate, or by any elector, or by the Returning Officer, make the following declaration:

Qualification of members, declaration of candidates for election.

“ I, A. B, do declare and testify, That I am duly seized at law or in equity as of freehold, for my own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in free and common soccage [or duly seized or possessed, for my own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in fief or in roture (as the case may be),] in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred pounds

The declaration.