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An Act to authorize the people of the several Counties of Upper Canada to elect certain of their local Officers.

BE it enacted, &c., as follows: The qualified Municipal Electors of the respective Wards, Townships, Villages, Towns, and Cities of Upper Canada, shall, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in every third year thereafter, at the times and places fixed by Law for the Election of Township, Village, Town and City Councillors, elect for each of the several Counties and unions of Counties of Upper Canada aforesaid, a Sheriff, a Clerk of the Peace, and a Registrar of Deeds, Wills, and other Instruments requiring to be recorded; and such Elections shall be held and conducted in the mode and manner and by the same officers and persons as the Election of Township, Village, Town and City Councillors is or hereafter may be lawfully held and conducted.

Municipal Electors of Upper Canada shall elect the Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace and Registrars, and how and when.

II. The officers and other persons holding and conducting such Elections in the said Counties and Unions of Counties respectively, shall immediately after the close thereof, make true returns of such Elections and forthwith transmit the same with the poll books kept by them, verified on oath or affirmation, to be taken before any Justice of the Peace in the said Counties and Unions of Counties respectively, and such Justices are hereby empowered to administer such oath or affirmation to the Clerks of the said Counties and unions of Counties respectively in which such Elections shall have been held, and within three days after the receipt of the said respective returns and poll books; it shall be the duty of the said several County Clerks, and they are hereby respectively required to give notice in writing to the Wardens and Treasurers of the said Counties and Unions of Counties respectively, of the receipt by them, the said Clerks, of the said respective returns and poll books.

Returns of such Elections to be made to the County Clerks.

Notice by such Clerks to Wardens and Treasurers.

III On the sixth day after the receipt of the said respective returns and poll books by the said County Clerks, it shall be the duty of the said Wardens, Treasurers, and County Clerks, and they are hereby required to meet at the County Towns of the said several Counties and Unions of Counties respectively, for the purpose of examining the said returns and poll books, and after due and impartial examination of the same, to sum up and ascertain by the same for whom respectively of the Candidates at the said Elections, the largest number of legal votes shall have been cast in the said Wards, Townships, Villages, Towns, and Cities respectively, as shall appear by the poll books of the same, and to declare the persons duly elected to the said Offices respectively, who shall by the said poll books appear to have the majority of the votes cast in the said Counties and unions of Counties respectively, and the persons so declared to have been duly elected, shall thereupon on the eleventh day after the said Election, assume, have, take, hold, and enjoy all the rights, powers, and emoluments appertaining to the said Offices respectively, and be subject to all the duties, penalties, and forfeitures thereto attaching; and the said County Clerks shall, and

Examination of Poll Books, &c.

Declaration of persons elected.