

the same, and, before taking any further action thereon, he shall take the oath of office in the form, Schedule B to this Act.

8. The Returning Officer, by a commission under his hand, and in the form, Schedule C of this Act, shall appoint an Election Clerk, and may, at any time during the election, appoint, in the same manner, another Election Clerk, in case the one so appointed shall resign, refuse or be unable to perform his duties as such.

Appoint-
ment of
Election
Clerk.

9. The duty of the Election Clerk shall be to assist the Returning Officer in the performance of his duties, and to act in his stead as Returning Officer, whenever the Returning Officer shall be disqualified, or unable, or shall refuse to perform his duties, and shall not have been replaced by another.

Duty of
Election
Clerk.

10. The Election Clerk shall, before acting as such, take the oath of office in the form, Schedule D to this Act.

Oath of
office.

11. The Returning Officer shall ascertain from the lists of voters, which, under the provisions of this Act, are to be used at the election, and, in Electoral Districts where there are voters entitled to vote but there are no lists of voters, from such other information as may be within his reach—the number of, or probable number of, persons qualified to vote in each city, town, ward, parish, township, local municipality or other locality, where voters are so entitled to vote; and if such city, town, ward, parish, township, local municipality or other locality has not been constituted or subdivided for electoral purposes into polling districts by the Legislature, or by the local authorities under the legislation of the Province wherein such Electoral District is situate, or where such subdivision comprises more than three hundred voters, he shall constitute or subdivide the said city, town, ward, parish, township, local municipality or other locality or subdivision, into polling districts in a convenient manner, so that there shall be at least one polling district for every two hundred voters; and he shall also fix a polling station in a central and convenient place in each polling district; and the Returning Officer may in his discretion grant such additional polling places in such polling districts as the extent of the district and the remoteness of any body of its voters from the polling place may render necessary, although the voters thereof may be less than the number above specified.

Returning
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To consti-
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districts in
certain cases
and appoint
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tricts.

12. In the Electoral Districts in the Province of British Columbia, and in the Electoral Districts of Muskoka and Algoma, in the Province of Ontario, and of Gaspé, in the Province of Quebec, the Returning Officers shall fix the day for the nomination of candidates, and also the day and places for holding the polls. The nomination in any of the said Electoral Districts shall not take place less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days after the proclamation hereinafter required shall have been posted up, and the day for holding the polls shall not be less than fifteen days nor more than thirty days after the day on which the nomination is to take place—neither the day of nomination nor the day of posting the proclamation being reckoned:

Nomination
and polling
days in
certain
Electoral
Districts.