

and towns respectively; and that such writs shall be made returnable within Fifty Days at farthest from the day on which they shall bear date, unless it shall at any time be otherwise provided by any Act of the Legislature of the said Province; and that writs shall in like manner and form be issued for the election of Members in the case of any vacancy which shall happen by the death or resignation of the person chosen, or by his being summoned to the Legislative Council of the said Province, or from any other legal cause; and that such writs shall be made returnable within Fifty Days at farthest from the day on which they shall bear date, unless it shall be at any time otherwise provided by any Act of the Legislature of the said Province; and that in any case of any such vacancy which shall happen by the death of the person chosen, or by reason of his being so summoned as aforesaid, the writ for the election of a new Member shall be issued within Six Days after notice thereof shall have been delivered to, or left at the office of, the proper officer for issuing such writs of election.

And be it Enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor of the Province of Canada for the time being to fix the time and place of holding elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, until otherwise provided for as hereinafter is mentioned, giving not less than Eight Days' notice of such time and place.

24.
Time and
place of hold
ing Elections.

And be it Enacted, That 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 or 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: Provided always, That it shall not be lawful to present to the Governor of the Province of Canada for Her Majesty's assent any Bill of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province by which the number of Representatives in the Legislative Assembly may be altered, unless the Second and Third reading of such Bill in the Legislative Council and Legis-

25.
Power to alter
system of Re-
presentation.