

to the Speaker of the said House, who shall thereupon cause a copy of the same, certified under his hands, to be filed in the office of the Chief Clerk of the said House, for the information of the House and its Committees, and of all parties concerned or interested in the same, and shall thereupon re-deliver the original of such receipt or certificate with a Memorandum under his hand of the same having been delivered to him according to the provisions of this Act to the party by whom the same was so delivered to him as aforesaid.

XVI. And be it enacted, That no Election Petition shall be received unless, at the time it is presented to the House, it be endorsed with a certificate under the hand of the Speaker of the said House, that the Recognizance hereinbefore required has been entered into and received by him, with the required Affidavit of sufficiency of sureties thereunto annexed or endorsed, or that the Chief Clerk's receipt or certificate for the amount of such Recognizance has been delivered to him, or that a Recognizance with Affidavits of sufficiency for part, and the Chief Clerk's receipt or certificate for the residue of such amount, has been so delivered to him as aforesaid.

Petition not to be received unless the Speaker's certificate of recognizance or deposit be endorsed thereon.

XVII. And be it enacted, That no application shall be entertained by any Select Election Committee under this Act, on the part of any sitting Member interested or concerned in any such Election Petition, for the issue of any Commission to take evidence upon such trial, unless, at the time of such application, there shall be produced to such Select Committee copies,—certified under the hand of the Speaker or the Chief Clerk of the Commons House of Legislative Assembly to be true copies of the same,—of the Recognizance herein required, to be entered into on behalf of such sitting Member,—of all Affidavits by which the sufficiency of the sureties in such Recognizance shall have been established,—or of the Chief Clerk's certificates of the deposit of money in lieu of such Recognizance,—or of such Recognizances and Affidavits for any part of such amount,—and of the Chief Clerk's certificates for the residue thereof, as the case may be, together with an Affidavit from such sitting Member that he is acquainted with the persons who have entered into such Recognizance, if any have been given as aforesaid, and that he has reason to believe irrespective of having the same sworn to by such persons, and that he does verily believe that such persons are worth the amounts respectively stated by them in their said Affidavits of sufficiency respectively; and every such Recognizance shall have the same requirements as to the names and description of parties and the manner of taking the same, as is hereinbefore provided with respect to the Recognizances required of Petitioners.

What must be certified and done before an application by sitting Member for a commission to take evidence can be entertained.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That in case, at the time of any such application on the part of the sitting Member for the issue of any such Commission as aforesaid, it shall be objected on the part of the Petitioners in such Election Petition, that the sureties of such sitting Member, or any of them, are not really worth the amounts stated in their Affidavits of sufficiency respectively, or that such Recognizance is objectionable upon similar grounds to those hereinafter mentioned in the twentieth section of this Act or any of them, or any other that shall appear to such Select Committee to require explanation or correction, it shall and may be lawful for such Select Committee, if upon hearing the parties they shall deem it just to do so, to give time to such Petitioner to make good such objection, and to make such orders from time to time as to the same, and as to the putting in of new Recognizances or a deposit of money in lieu thereof or part thereof, and as to the justification of the sufficiency of the persons entering into any such Recognizances, as to such Select Committee shall appear just in the premises; and all such orders shall be binding upon the parties interested or concerned in such Election Petition, and the neglect of any party to obey the same shall be attended with such consequences in respect of the same, and the prosecution or defence of his case before such Select Committee, and the payment of costs to the party or parties inconvenienced or delayed, which shall be taxed and recovered as hereinafter provided for the costs and expenses of prosecuting or opposing Election Petitions, as such Election Committee shall think fit to order and direct in that behalf, or the payment of such costs and expenses may be made a condition to allowing the party to proceed with

Objections to recognizances of or on behalf of sitting Member how to be heard and disposed of