

An Act the better to secure the freedom of election for Members to serve in the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province by providing for the registration of qualified voters, and enabling them to vote by ballot, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS it is expedient to ascertain the qualification of voters at elections of members to serve in the Legislative Council and in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, and to secure the liberty of voters at such election; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. The Clerk of each County Municipality in Upper and Lower Canada, or of each union of Counties for Municipal purposes, and the Clerk of each city, town, or borough in Canada sending members to Parliament, shall, from the assessment roll or other source of information, forthwith make an alphabetical list of all persons within such municipality, city, town, or borough, entitled to vote at the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Council or in the Legislative Assembly of Canada, according to the provisions of law now in force, relating to the qualification of voters at such elections, together with the particulars of such qualification as in the schedule No. 1, to this Act subjoined, indicated, together with the place of residence and profession, or calling of such voters, designating the lot and range in the country parts, and the street in towns, where such voters reside, or have the property on which they qualify respectively; and if any municipality shall be partly in one electoral division, and partly in another, he shall make out one such list for each electoral division; And the Clerk shall certify on oath or affirmation before any Judge or before any two Justices of the Peace to the correctness of the list so by him made out, and he shall keep a duplicate of such list among the records of the municipality, city, town, or borough for which the same has been made, and shall deliver the certified list to the person who shall, either *ex officio* or by appointment, be the Returning Officer for the electoral division returning a member or members to the said Legislative Assembly, on or before the day of _____ in each year; And no person shall be admitted to vote at any election of a member to serve in the Provincial Parliament unless his name shall appear upon the list then last made and certified, not unless he shall have obtained a certificate of his inscription on such list as hereinafter provided; And no question of qualification shall be raised at any such election, except to ascertain whether the person tendering his vote is the same person intended to be designated in the alphabetical list aforesaid.

Clerks of County Municipalities, &c., to prepare Lists of Voters.

And certify them to Returning Officer.

No person to Vote whose name is not on such List.