

An Act to render the Mayor of Quebec elective by the Electors of Quebec.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to render the Mayor of Quebec elective by the Electors of the said City; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

I. So much of the twenty-eighth section of the Act intituled, "*An Act to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of Quebec, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town,*" as enacts that at the first Quarterly or Special Meeting of the City Council after the election of the members thereof, in each year, the Councillors shall elect out of the members thereof a fit and proper person to be Mayor of the said City, shall be and the same is hereby repealed. Part of Sec. 28, of 18 V., c. 159, repealed.

II. After the term of office of the present Mayor of Quebec shall expire, the Electors of the said City duly qualified to elect members to the Council shall elect the Mayor each year, to be selected from persons qualified, to be elected Councillors for the said City; and the said person so elected Mayor shall have and enjoy all the rights and powers now vested by law in the Mayor of Quebec, and such Election shall not prevent three Councillors as now representing each Ward of said City. Mayor to be elected by an election generally. Proviso.

III. A certificate in the same form as that prescribed by law to be given to each voter for a City Councillor, qualified to receive the same, shall also be given to such voter, save that for the words "for Councillor in the Ward," there shall be substituted the words, "For Mayor," and a proper box shall be prepared to receive the said votes, and all the regulations prescribed for votes for Councillors, and the ascertaining of those elected, and the manner, time and form of receiving such votes, as far as the same shall be applicable, shall apply to the said election of Mayor, and the person having the majority of such votes, to be ascertained as in the case of Councillors, shall be Mayor of Quebec, and shall be so declared at the same time and place as the City Councillors shall be declared in each year. Mode of voting for Mayor and declaring election.

IV. And whereas it is necessary to make provisions whereby a poll or contest may be avoided, in certain cases, where no division of opinion exists among the electors, in respect of the person intended to be elected Mayor of the said City, or in respect of those intended to be elected Councillors in any or all of the Wards thereof; and it is also necessary to provide that the candidates for any of the said offices shall be publicly known, and that none others but those named shall be or may be elected: It is therefore enacted, that hereafter the first Monday in December in each year, or if that be a holiday, then the day next following not being a holiday, shall be and the same is hereby fixed as the nomination day for all candidates for the Recital. Nomination days appointed for Mayor and Councillors.