

provisions of this Act, may be elected at such Election or at any other.

Future Composition of the Legislative Council.

Present Members.

Elective Members.

Provido as to Elective Members.

Provido as to present Members appointed after 1st January, 1851.

Period for which Elective Members shall serve.

Provido as to Members elected to fill casual vacancies.

By whom such Members shall be elected.

III. The Legislative Council shall, from and after the day of the return of the first Election of twenty Members in the manner hereafter prescribed, be composed of the persons who shall be Members of the Legislative Council at the time of the passing of this Act (hereinafter called "Present Members,") subject to the provisions hereinafter made as to Members appointed after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four; and also of Members to be elected, one half for Upper Canada and one half for Lower Canada, the total number of Elective Members being sixty, and one such Member being elected for each of the sixty Electoral Districts into which this Province is divided for that purpose in the Schedule to this Act: Provided always, that (unless after a dissolution of the said Legislative Council as hereinafter provided) twenty Members only shall be elected at the first Election, which is to take place under the provisions of this Act, twenty other Members only at the Election which shall take place two years thereafter, and twenty other Members at the Election which shall take place four years thereafter: Provided also, that the present Members who shall have been appointed after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shall cease to be Members of the said Legislative Council, at the end of two years after the day of the return of the Writs for the first Election of twenty Members; but they may be elected at the Election which may then take place or at any other Election.

IV. Subject to the provisions hereinafter made as to a dissolution of the said Legislative Council, every Member elected there to shall be entitled to serve therein during six years, unless he shall sooner vacate his seat by resignation, acceptance of office, or otherwise, so that one third part of the said Members shall retire every two years; and the day before the return day of the Writs issued for the election of twenty Members at the end of every two years, shall be the day upon which the retiring Members shall cease to have Seats in the said Legislative Council: Provided always, that when the Seat of any elected Member shall become vacant, otherwise than by a dissolution or the lapse of the time for which the Member vacating his seat was entitled to serve, a new election shall take place for the Electoral District for which such Member was serving; and the Member then elected shall hold his seat only until the time when the Member in whose place he is elected would have vacated such seat by lapse of time.

V. The Members of the Legislative Council for the said Electoral Districts respectively, shall be elected by the persons then qualified to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly in respect of property situate in the Electoral