

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL 9.

An Act to amend the House of Commons Act, and to provide that Polling Days at Elections shall be Public Holidays.

R.S., c. 11.

HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. The *House of Commons Act*, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, chapter eleven, is amended by inserting 5 the following sections immediately after section eleven:—

Election writ to issue within 60 days after warrant.

“11A. Within sixty days after the receipt by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery of the warrant for the issue of a new writ for the election of a member of the House of Commons, such writ shall be issued. 10

Persons elected for two or more electoral districts must elect for which they will serve.

“11B. (1) Any member of the House of Commons who is returned as member for two or more electoral districts shall make his election for which of such electoral districts he will serve within thirty days after,—

“(a) the time limited for the contestation of such elections 15 and, if the time limited is different with respect to such electoral districts, then the latest of such limited times; or,

“(b) if there is a question as to whether he has been legally returned for any of such electoral districts, 20 then upon the final determination of such question; or,

“(c) if his election for the said electoral districts or any or either of them is contested, then the final determination of such contestation.

Penalty.

“(2) Any person violating the provisions of this 25 section shall forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars for each and every day that elapses after the said thirty days before such person elects for which of the said electoral districts he will serve.

Recovery of penalty.

“(3) Such sums shall be recoverable from him by any 30 person who sues for the same in any court of competent civil jurisdiction in Canada.”