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[1866.

An Act to amend Chapter Six of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled: An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislature.

HEREAS it is expedient to amend the law of Elections Preamble. of members to serve in Parliament: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Conneil and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. No show of hands shall be taken on the nomination day, No show of 5 notwithstanding anything contained in the thirty-fourth section hands required. of the Act Chapter Six of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled : An Act respecting Elections of Members of the Legislature, and if at the nomination more than one candi-10 date is proposed and a poll is then and there demanded by or Poll. on behalf of any one or more of the candidates proposed, the Returning Officer shall grant a poll for taking and recording the votes of the electors.

2. Whenever the number of qualified electors within any Division of 15 municipality, ward, or other electoral division, according to electoral the voters' lists then in force, shall exceed five hundred, the Mu- polling nicipal Council of the City, Town, or other Local Municipality divisions. having jurisdiction over the locality shall, within three months after the passing of this Act, and afterwards, from time to time,

- 20 as may be required, divide in the most convenient manner such City, Town, or other Local Municipality into electoral subdivisions, so that there shall be two such sub-divisions, if the number of electors be over five hundred and less than nine hundred, three, if the number of electors exceeds nine hundred
- 25 and be less than thirteen hundred, and so on, adding one subdivision for every four hundred additional electors to be found on such lists as aforesaid; Provided always, that an appeal as to shall lie from such division at the instance of any five electors, such division. which appeal shall be, in Upper Canada, to the County Judge,
- 30 who shall correct such division in accordance with law; and in Lower Canada, to the County Council, as in the case of an appeal from a by-law of a local council, except in cities and towns, where the appeal shall lie to a Judge of the Superior Court in term or in vacation; and in all cases such appeal 35 must be made within one month.

3. In case a Municipality is divided for Electoral purposes, List of electors under this or any other Act, the Clerk of the Municipality shall, for each