

Members obtaining leave of absence may be transferred from one Panel to another.

As to Members ceasing to be such or discharged after serving, &c.

Vacancies in Chairmen's Panel how filled.

L. And be it enacted, That when leave of absence for a limited time has been granted by the House to any Member, the General Committee of Elections may transfer the name of such Member from the Panel in which it has been placed to some other Panel subsequent in rotation if they think fit to do so, having regard to the length of time for which such leave of absence has been granted, and to the number of Select Committees then about to be appointed.

LI. And be it enacted, That whenever any Member of the Chairmen's Panel ceases to be a Member of the House, or is by leave of the House discharged from continuing upon the Chairmen's Panel, or is so discharged by reason of service under the provision hereinbefore contained, the General Committee shall forthwith select another Member to be placed upon the Chairmen's Panel in his room, and in case it shall at any time appear to the General Committee that the Chairmen's Panel is too small, they may select one, two or three additional Members to place upon it, so nevertheless, that the Chairmen's Panel shall not at any time consist of more than eleven Members without the leave of the House first obtained.

6. APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Petitions to be referred to General Committee, who shall choose Select Committees to try them, &c.
Speaker to communicate the necessary information as to recognizances, &c.

List to be made.

Proceedings when notice of death, vacancy of seat, or intention not to defend, shall be given.

When there is more than one Petition against the same return.

Select Committees to be chosen in order of list, and to report.

LII. And be it enacted, That all Election Petitions received by the House shall be referred by the House to the General Committee of Elections for the purpose of choosing Select Committees as hereinafter provided, to try such Petitions, and the Speaker shall communicate to the House and to the General Committee, every proceeding had before him concerning the Recognizances to any Election Petition, and in every case in which any Election Petition is withdrawn, or the Speaker reports to the House that the Recognizances are objectionable, the order for referring such Petition to the General Committee of Elections shall be discharged, and no further proceedings shall be had upon such Petition, and the General Committee shall make out a list of all Election Petitions, in which the Speaker has reported to the House, that the Recognizances are unobjectionable, and in which the proceedings are not suspended, in which list the Petitions shall be arranged in the order in which they were so reported upon; and in every case in which the proceedings in any Petition inserted in such list are afterwards suspended, the Petition shall be struck out of the list, and shall be again inserted at the bottom of the list, at the end of such suspension of proceedings.

LIII. And be it enacted, That when notice of the death or vacancy of the seat of any Member petitioned against, or that it is not the intention of such Member to defend his election or return, is given to the General Committee by the Speaker as hereinbefore provided, the General Committee shall suspend their proceedings in the matter of the Petition referred to in such notice, until twenty-one days after the day on which notice of such death or vacancy, or intention not to defend, has been inserted in the Gazette under the provisions hereinbefore contained; unless the Petition of some person claiming to be admitted as a party in the room of such Member be sooner referred to them.

LIV. And be it enacted, That when more than one Election Petition relating to the same election or return are referred to the General Committee of Elections, they shall suspend their proceedings in the matter of all such Petitions until the report of the Speaker, respecting the Recognizance upon each of such Petitions, or such of them as have not been withdrawn, is received by them, and upon receipt of the list of such reports, they shall place such Petitions at the bottom of the then list of Election Petitions, bracketed together, and such Petitions shall afterwards be dealt with as one Petition.

LV. And be it enacted, That the General Committee of Elections shall choose the Committees to try the Election Petitions standing in the said list of Petitions in the order in which the said Petitions stand in such list, and they shall from time to time determine how many Committees shall be chosen in each week for trying such Petitions, and the days on which they will meet for choosing such Committees, having regard to the number of Select Committees which may then be sitting for the trial of Election

Petitions,