

An Act to abolish Wards in Townships, and to make Reeves and Deputy Reeves elective by the direct vote of the people in Upper Canada.

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish wards in townships, and to provide for the election of Reeves and Deputy Reeves in the several townships, towns, and incorporated villages in Upper Canada, by a direct vote of the electors; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. All wards heretofore established and now existing in the several townships in Upper Canada, are abolished, and all by-laws establishing the same are hereby repealed. abolished.
2. Whenever a township is divided into electoral divisions, and polling places established therein, and Returning Officers established therefor, under and by virtue of the provisions of the two hundred and seventy-fifth section of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, a meeting of the electors of such township shall be held on the last Monday but one in the month of December before the annual municipal election as provided by the said Act, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the nomination of a Reeve and four Councillors, or if the Township be entitled to a Deputy Reeve, for the nomination of a Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and three Councillors, to be elected for the said township, and such meeting shall be held at the Town Hall if there be one in the said township; but if there be no Township Hall, then at the place where the first meeting of the Council of the said Township was held for the then current year; and the Township Clerk shall give the notice required by section ninety-seven of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada. Nomination meeting before day of election, of Reeves. Where held, and by whom called.
3. The Township Clerk shall preside at such meeting, or in case of his absence through sickness or otherwise, the Council shall appoint a person to preside in his place, and if the Township Clerk or the person so appointed does not attend, the electors present shall choose from among themselves, a chairman, being an elector, to officiate. Who shall preside at such meeting.
4. Such Township Clerk, or person so appointed, or chairman so chosen, shall, with respect to such meeting, have all the powers of a Returning Officer. His powers.
5. If, at such meeting, only one person be nominated for the office of Reeve or Deputy Reeve, and only the requisite number of persons required for councillors, within one hour of the opening of the meeting, If there be only the requisite number of candidates.