
BILL to provide for the holding and regulating of Parish and Township Meetings, and the choice and duty of Parish and Township Officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it would be advantageous to the inhabitants of the several Parishes and Townships of this Province, if they were allowed to elect officers and make rules for the direction and management of their local affairs. Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Lower Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great Britain, intituled, "*An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec in North America," and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;*—And it is hereby enacted by the authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the proprietors and householders of each and every Parish or Township of this Province, to assemble at some convenient place in each and every Parish or Township, on the first Monday of the month of March of every year, and on so many days next following as may be found necessary, not exceeding three days in the whole, for the purpose of choosing and nominating the Parish or Township Officers hereinafter mentioned, to serve in their respective offices for the year then next ensuing, and to do and perform what may be allowed and directed by this Act, at which meeting a Justice of the Peace, Captain or senior Officer of Militia, resident therein, shall preside until a Chairman or Moderator shall be elected to preside in his