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BILL.

An Act to alter and amend certain provisions of the Act
of the Imperial Parliament re-uniting the Provinces
of Upper and Lower Canada.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom in the seventeenth and eighteenth years of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, chapter one hundred and eighteen, intituled, *An Act to empower the Legislature of Canada to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council for that Province, and for other purposes*, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Legislature of this Province to alter the constitution of the Legislative Council of this Province, and otherwise to enact and provide on the said subject as well as for other purposes therein mentioned; And whereas it is desirable to introduce the elective principle into the constitution of the said Legislative Council, and otherwise to provide as hereinafter it is provided: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That notwithstanding any thing in the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sections of the said Act, intituled, *An Act to reunite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, or any other part thereof, the provisions hereinafter made shall have their full force and effect; but the operation of this Act shall not be construed to vacate or affect the seat of any person being a Member of the Legislative Council at the time of the passing of this Act, except as hereinafter provided, nor to prevent any such Member from taking his seat therein.

Preamble.

Imperial Act
17 & 18 Vict.
c. 118, cited.

This Act to
take effect
notwithstand-
ing, sects. 4,
5, 6, 7, 8 of
3 & 4 V. c. 35.

Proviso as to
present Mem-
bers.

II. It shall be lawful for any person who shall be Member of the Legislative Council at the time of the passing of this Act, to resign his seat in the said Legislative Council, in the manner hereinafter provided, and upon such resignation the seat of such Legislative Councillor shall become vacant; and it shall in like manner be lawful for any Member of the said Legislative Council elected in the manner hereinafter provided, to resign his seat therein, and upon such resignation a new Election shall take place as hereinafter provided; but any Member having resigned his Seat, and being qualified under the

Members may
resign, but
may re-elect-
ed.