

37. Refusal or neglect to answer such questions before the day fixed for the hearing on the merits of the matter shall be declared and taken to be a confession and admission of the facts.

38. Any person who shall make a false declaration under oath in relation to any fact or matter whatsoever, having reference to such petition and complaint and resulting therefrom, shall be guilty of perjury and punished in conformity with the laws against perjury.

39. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General, for the section of the Province in which the persons incriminated by such judgment of the Court, have their abode, to take or cause to be taken such proceedings as the laws, relating to the matter, direct, within three months after the rendering of judgment on such petition, against each and every person incriminated by the facts established by the judgment.

40. The person who hold in such section the Office of Attorney General at the period at which such proceedings ought to be commenced shall be guilty of negligence in the discharge of the duties of his office, if he neglects to institute such proceeding within the delays prescribed by the next preceding section.

41. The Returning Officer at such election shall be bound to return and transmit the writ of Summons, service of which shall have been made upon him in conformity with the fifth Section of this Act, to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, or to any other officer appointed by Law for that purpose, in the manner and with the formalities prescribed for the return and transmission of the writ of election.

OBJECT OF THIS ACT.

42. The object of this Act is to secure purity and freedom of election, to place the decision of contested elections beyond the evil influences of party, and to elevate the moral and political character of the people.

REPEAL OF EXISTING LAWS.

43. Chapter seven of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, respecting controverted elections, and all Acts contrary to this Act, are hereby repealed.