

CONSOLIDATED STATUTES

APPLYING TO THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF CANADA.

TITLE 1.

CONSTITUTION AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, LEGISLATION, &c.

CAP. I.

An Act respecting the Legislative Council.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

- 1.** The Legislative Council shall be composed of the Members thereof appointed by the Crown before the fourteenth day of July, 1856, and of forty-eight Members elected in the proportion and at the times and in the manner hereinafter provided; and to this end, the Province shall be divided into forty-eight Electoral Divisions, twenty-four in Upper Canada and twenty-four in Lower Canada, in the manner set forth in Schedule A. 19, 20 V. c. 140, s. 1. How the Legislative Council shall be constituted.
- 2.** The Councillors appointed by the Crown as aforesaid, shall continue to hold their seats as heretofore, subject to the conditions contained in the Imperial Act of the third and fourth Victoria, chapter thirty-five, "to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for the Government of Canada." 19, 20 V. c. 140, s. 2. Certain Councillors appointed by the Crown continued.
- 3.** The Elective Members shall be elected for eight years. 19, 20 V. c. 140, s. 3. Term of service of Elective Councillors.
- 4.** No person shall be eligible or shall sit or vote as a Legislative Councillor unless he is a British Subject by birth or naturalization, resident in Canada, of the full age of thirty years, and is legally or equitably seized as of freehold, for his own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in free and common soccage,—or seized or possessed, for his own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in fief, *franc-aleu* or *roture* in