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An Act to amend the Franchise Act,
1898.

First reading, February 7, 1900.

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1900

An Act to amend the Franchise Act, 1898.

[N amendment of *The Franchise Act, 1898*, Her Majesty, by 1898, c. 14. and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

1. No person, otherwise entitled to vote, who has left
 5 Canada under enrolment or entry under Dominion or Imperial authority or sanction for military or naval service to Her Majesty in the South African war, shall by reason of absence caused thereby be disqualified to vote; but every such person shall upon his return after such absence be entitled to vote as
 10 if he had remained resident of the place of which he was resident at the time of his so leaving; and if his name is omitted from the voters' list while so absent he shall nevertheless be entitled to vote on his offering to take, and taking if requested, before the deputy returning officer or other person
 15 in charge of the polling station, the following oath, in addition to such parts as are applicable to him of the oath he might be required to take if his name had been on the list :—
 I (A.B.) do swear that I am legally qualified to vote at this election and that I verily believe my name was omitted
 20 from the list of voters by reason of my absence caused by my leaving Canada under enrolment or entry for military (or naval) service to Her Majesty in the South African war, and for no other reason.

Voter whose name is not on list owing to absence in South Africa.

2. Any one otherwise qualified, but lacking the require-
 25 ments of the law of any province as to residence in the electoral district by reason merely that the boundaries of the provincial and the Dominion electoral districts are not identical, shall nevertheless be entitled to vote; and if the name of any such person has been struck off or omitted from the
 30 provincial voters' list merely by reason of such difference in boundaries, such person may nevertheless vote at a Dominion election at the place where but for such omission he would have been entitled to vote on his offering to take, and taking if requested, before the deputy returning officer or other person
 35 in charge of the polling station, the following oath in addition to the oath, so far as applicable to him, which he might be required to take if his name had been on the list :—

Case of Dominion and provincial boundaries of electoral district not being identical.

I (A.B.) do swear that I am legally qualified to vote at this election, and I verily believe that my name was struck off (or
 40 omitted) from the list of voters because I lacked the requirements of the provincial law as to residence in the electoral district merely by reason of the boundaries of the provincial and Dominion electoral districts not being identical, and for no other reason.