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An Act in further amendment of the
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An Act in further amendment of the Dominion Elections Act.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows :—

- 5 **1.** Section 7 of *The Dominion Elections Act*, chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph :—
R.S.C., c. 8, s. 7 amended.
 (h.) “ Any person who is not a permanent resident of the municipality in which he would act as such election officer.”
- 10 **2.** Section 22 of the said Act, as amended by section 2 of chapter 19 of the statutes of 1891, is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word “ and ” in the sixth line thereof, and also by striking out subsection 2 of the said section.
Section 22 amended.
- 15 **3.** Section 30 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following paragraph :—
Section 30 amended.
 (f.) “ And shall, at least two days before the day fixed for polling, furnish, upon request, to a candidate or his agent, a list of all deputy returning officers appointed to act in such election, with the name or number of the booth at which they are to act.”
- 20 **4.** Section 32 of the said Act is amended by adding after the word “ a ” in the third line thereof the words “ resident of the municipality as.”
Section 32 amended.
 2. The said section is further amended by adding thereto the following :—“ Each deputy returning officer shall furnish to the returning officer, not later than twenty-four hours before the day fixed for polling, the name of such poll clerk ; and the returning officer shall, at least twelve hours before the day fixed for polling, furnish, upon request, to a candidate or his agent, the names of all poll clerks and the booths at which they are to act.”
- 30 **5.** Subsection 2 of section 33 of the said Act is amended by adding after the word “ a ” in the third line thereof the following words :—“ resident of the municipality as.”
Section 33 amended.
- 35 **6.** Section 48 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following :—“ and imprisonment for at least six months, with or without hard labour, or to both.”
Section 48 amended.

Section 55
amended.

7. Section 55 of the said Act is amended by striking out the word "may" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the word "shall."

Section 56
amended.

8. Section 56 of the said Act is amended by inserting, after the word "shall" in the eighth line thereof, the words "ex- 5
pose to the view of those allowed to be present the face of each ballot," and also by striking out the word "reject" in the eighth line and substituting therefor the word "rejecting."

Section 58
amended.

9. The subsection substituted for subsection 2 of section 58 of the said Act, by section 5 of chapter 19 of the statutes of 10
1891, is amended by adding thereto the following words:—"If the said ballot box has been used within twelve miles of the office of the returning officer, or of the election clerk, it shall be returned within five hours after the close of the poll."

Section 59
amended.

10. Section 59 of the said Act is amended by striking out 15
the words "on being requested so to do" in the first and second lines thereof.

Section 65
amended.

11. Section 65 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

If election
return is
irregular.

"**5.** In the event of the returning officer making his return 20
and report to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in violation of this section and the next preceding section, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery shall return the said report and return to the returning officer on presentation of an order signed by any judge who has jurisdiction to carry out the provisions of this 25
section and of the next preceding section."

Section 67
amended.

12. Section 67 of the said Act is amended by adding in the second line thereof after the word "possession" the words
"subject to subsection 4 of section 65."

Section 72
amended.

13. Section 72 of the said Act is amended by inserting the 30
words "a recount" after the word "instituting" in the seventh line thereof.

Section 89
amended.

14. Section 89 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words "six months" in the last line thereof and substi- 53
tuting therefor the words "two years."

Section 100
amended.

15. Section 100 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words "six months" in the last line thereof and substi-
tuting therefor the words "one year."

Section 103
amended.

16. Section 103 of the said Act is amended by striking out the words "six months" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof 40
and substituting therefor the words "one year."

Form M
amended.

17. Form M in the first schedule to the said Act is amended by striking out the words "six months" in the last line and substituting therefor the words "one year."