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An Act to disfranchise Cornwall, and to
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An Act to disfranchise Cornwall, and to enfranchise Bruce.

WHEREAS the Town and Township of Cornwall, in the County of Stormont, are now by law united for the purpose of representation in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and the electors of the said Town and Township are authorized and permitted to be represented in the said Legislative Assembly by one Member or Representative; And whereas it is manifestly unjust that a population not exceeding (by the census of 185) souls, and settled in a territory of about ten square miles, should have a representation in the Provincial Assembly equal to that of the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, containing (by the same census) souls, with an extent of territory which includes not less than Townships; Therefore Her Majesty, &c. enacts as follows :

I. From and after the day of the dissolution of this present Parliament, the said Town and Township of Cornwall shall cease to elect or return a Member or Representative to the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

Town of Cornwall disfranchised after this Parliament.

II. The said Town and Township of Cornwall shall, for all electoral purposes, from and after the day of the dissolution of this present Parliament, merge into and form part of the County of Stormont, and the duly qualified electors of the said Town and Township of Cornwall shall, from and after the day of the dissolution of this present Parliament as aforesaid, be authorized and empowered to vote for the election and return of one Member or Representative for the said County of Stormont.

And merged in the County of Stormont.

III. For the purpose of representation in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, the County of Bruce, shall, from and after the day of the dissolution of this present Parliament, be detached from the County of Huron, and be formed and constituted into a separate Electoral Division, to be called the County of Bruce; and all the duly qualified electors of the said County of Bruce shall be entitled to vote for one Member or Representative in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, which Member, when duly and legally elected, shall be entitled to sit and vote in, and to exercise all the rights, privileges, immunities, and advantages appertaining to a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

County of Bruce to return a Member as a separate County after the said day.

IV. All the laws now in force applicable to the election and return of Members to the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and to the qualification of candidates and electors, and to all other matters and things appertaining thereto, shall apply to, and be in full force and effect, at all elections that may be held under the authority of this Act, and to all candidates and electors, presenting themselves as such, under the authority of the same.

Election laws to apply.