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## BILL.

An Act to amend the "Act respecting the  
Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada,"  
in respect to the dividing of Townships  
into Wards.

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**An Act to amend the "Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada," in respect to the dividing of Townships into Wards.**

**W**HEREAS it is necessary to amend the "Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada," twenty-second Victoria, chapter ninety-nine, in respect to the dividing of Townships into Wards; Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows: Preamble.

- 5 I. Section two hundred and sixty-four of the said recited Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "In case a majority of the qualified electors of a Township on the last revised Assessment Roll do, by petition in writing, signed by them, apply to the Council of the Township to divide the Township into Wards, if not already so divided, or to abolish or alter, in manner specified in the petition, any existing Division into Wards, the Council shall, within one month thereafter, pass a By-law to give effect to the petition, and shall in the By-law recite the petition, and also the present section of this Act, and shall declare that the By-law is passed in compliance with the prayer of the petition; And the By-law shall take effect on the first day of December next after one month from the date of its first publication in some newspaper published in the County or union of Counties in which the Township is situated, or by printed handbills posted in at least twenty public places in the Township." Sec. 264 of 23 V., c. 99, repealed, and new section substituted.  
  
Wards, how to be formed, altered or abolished upon a petition of a majority of electors.
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- 20 II. Section two hundred and sixty-five of the said recited Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted therefor: "In case the petition is for a division into Wards (and does not specify the manner of the division,) the Council shall so arrange the Wards that they may be as compact, and contain as nearly an equal number of electors, as may be consistent with the convenience of the inhabitants; the number of wards being five in all cases." Sec. 265 of 23 V., c. 99, repealed, and new clause substituted.  
Duty of Council in the formation of wards, when the petition is for a division of wards.  
Number to be five.
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