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## BILL.

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Received and read 1st time, Wednesday 26th August, 1863. Second reading, Wednesday, 2nd September, 1863.

Hon. Mr. McCREA.

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

1. Whenever a township in Upper Canada is divided into Electoral Meeting of Divisions, and Polling places established therein, and Returning Officers Electors at 5 appointed therefor, under and by the provisions of the Two hundred and Hall for no-Seventy-fifth Section of Chapter Fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes mination of for Upper Canada, a meeting of the Electors for such township shall take candidates. place for the nomination of candidates, for the Councillors to be elected for the said township, at the Township Hall if there be one in the said 10 township, but if there be no Township Hall, then at the place where the first meeting of the Council of the said township was held for the then current year, on the last Monday but one in the month of December, before the Annual Election as provided by the said Act, at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

- 2. The Township Clerk shall preside at such meeting, or, in case of Who to prehis absence, through sickness or otherwise, the Council shall appoint a side at such person to preside in his place; and if the Clerk or the person so apmeeting. pointed does not attend, the electors present shall choose a chairman, being an elector, to officiate from among themselves.
- 3. Such clerk or person so appointed or chairman so chosen, shall Powers of such chairhaveall the powers of a Returning Officer. man.
- 4. If only five candidates have been within one hour proposed by any Iffonly five of the electors present at such meeting, the clerk or person so appointed candidates. to preside, or chairman so chosen as the case may be, shall declare such candidates duly elected Councillors to serve for the then next following
- 5. If more than five candidates shall be proposed at such meeting, it more than and any candidate proposed after the first five, or any elector on his five candi-30 behalf, shall demand a Poll, the said clerk or person so appointed or dates and poll chairman so chosen shall, on the following day, post up in the office of the clerk the names of the candidates so proposed, and give notice of the names to the Returning Officer appointed for each and all the said Electoral Divisions.
- 6. In case of the nomination of more than five candidates, and no 11 more than candidate nominated after the first five, or no elector on his or their five cardibehalf then demanding a Poll as aforesaid, the Clerk or person so dates but no poll demandappointed, or Chairman so chosen, shall declare such five candidates ed. first nominated duly elected Councillors to serve as aforesaid.

Poll to be opened and votes taken in each D vision.

- 7. In case of a Poll being so demanded, the Returning Officer for cach Electoral Division, in such township, shall cause a Poll to be opened at the Polling place appointed in such Division, on the first Monday in January following, and shall take the votes in the same way and keep the Poll open for the full time required by law for taking the votes, in 5 cases where no Electoral Division shall be established.
- Poll-books to S. Every Returning Officer shall, on the day after the close of the boreturned to Poll, return the Poll-Book to the township clerk, verified under oath the Township before the said clerk, or any Justice of the Peace for the county or union of counties in which the said township may lie, as to the due and 10 correct taking of the votes for the said Electoral Division.
- Township
  Clerk to add up to number of votes set down
  Clerk to add up votes and declare result gate mulaber of votes, and shall at the Township Hall, or such other
  of election.

  Place at which the nomination was held, at noon of the day following the 15
  return of the Pôll-Books, publicly declare the same, beginning with the
  conditate having the greatest number, and so on with the others, and
  chell thereupon publicly declare elected, the five candidates respectively
  standing the highest on the Poll.
- Township
  Clerk to give
  casting vote
  the said clerk, whether otherwise qualified or not, shall give a vote for
  if necessary.

  can or more of such candidates so as to decide the election; and except
  in such case, no Township Clerk shall vote at any such election.

Act to be part of the Act intituled; of C. S. U. O., "An Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada." 25