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**BILL.**

An Act to abolish the Property qualification of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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**QUEBEC.**

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An Act to abolish the Property Qualification required of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

**WHEREAS** it is provided by the Act of the Imperial Parliament Preamble. passed in the Session held in the seventeenth and eighteenth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, chapter 118, that it shall be lawful for the Legislature of Canada by any Act or Acts reserved for 5 the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, and whereto Her Majesty shall have assented, as therein provided, to vary or repeal any of the provisions of the Act of the said Parliament passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of the Reign of Her said Majesty chapter thirty-five, which relate to the property qualification of Members of the 10 Legislative Assembly:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The several parts of Acts hereinafter mentioned,—that is to say: sections twenty-eight and twenty-nine of the said Act of the Imperial Parts of Acts requiring property qualifications for Members repealed. Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the session held 15 in the third and fourth years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-five, intituled, "*An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada and for the Government of Canada*;" and sections thirty-six and thirty-seven of the Act chapter six of the 20 Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled *An Act respecting election of Members of the Legislature*, and all other Acts or parts of Acts which relate to or require a certain property qualification for Members of the Legislative Assembly, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.
2. No declaration of property qualification shall be demanded or re- No declaration of qualification required. quired of any candidate at any election of a Member to represent the 25 people of this Province in the said Legislative Assembly, nor shall any question relating thereto be raised in any proceeding affecting said election.
3. Nothing in this Act contained shall apply or be construed to apply Act not to affect pending cases. 30 to cases of controverted elections now pending in the said Legislative Assembly or before any committee thereof.