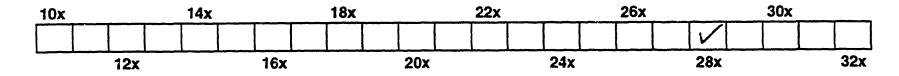
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1st Session, 4th Parliament, 16 Victoria, 1853.

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## BILL.

An Act to enable Cities and Towns in Upper Canada to elect their several Mayors by the Municipal Electors generally.

Received and read a first time, Monday, 7th March, 1853.

Second reading, Thursday, 10th March, 1853.

MR. DIXON.

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BILL.

[No. 275.

An Act to provide for the Election of the Mayors of Towns and Cities in Upper Canada, by the Municipal Electors thereof generally.

WHEREAS the present mode of electing the Mayors of the <sup>Preamble.</sup> several incorporated Towns and Cities in Upper Canada has been productive of corrupt practices, and consequent injustice to the inhabitants of the said Towns and Cities, and it is therefore 5 expedient to change the mode of electing in such cases; Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

That after the first day of January, 1854, neither the Councillors Councillors not to elect elected for any incorporated Town, nor the Councillors or Alder-Mayor. men elected for any Cities, shall elect the Mayor thereof.

- 10 II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the duly quali-Mayor to be fied Municipal Electors of each Ward within every incorporated elected by the Municipal Town or City in Upper Canada, to record their votes for a Mayor Electors. at the time and place at which they record their votes for the Municipal Councillors thereof.
- 15 III. And be it enacted, That the Returning Officer or his Poll Additional co-Clerk for each Ward in any Town or City in Upper Canada, shall lumn in Poll keep a separate column or columns in the Poll Book, for recording the votes of the Electors aforesaid in behalf of any person or persons who may be duly qualified, and who may be Candidates for 20 such Mayoralty.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the City or How the result Town Clerk for the time being, to add up the number of votes so of the Election shall be ascerrecorded for the different Candidates for Mayor, which he shall tained and dehave received from the several Returning Officers of the Wards in 25 such Town or City, and that the Candidate who shall have had recorded on his behalf the greatest number of votes, shall, by the said City or Town Clerk, be declared to be, and shall be, the Mayor for the ensuing year, and shall have all the rights and powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon Mayors of 30 Towns or Cities respectively in Upper Canada.

Mayor to be a Council, &o.

V. And be it enacted, That the Mayor so elected shall be to Member of the all intents a Member of the City or Town Council, and that any person qualified to be elected a Councillor for any City or Town. shall be qualified to be elected Mayor thereof; and the Mayor shall be in addition to the number of Members of which the 5 Council would be composed without this Act, and the same number of Aldermen and Councillors shall be elected in every case as would be elected without this Act.

Vacancies how filled.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any vacancy shall occur in the office of Mayor of any such City or Town, at any period more 10 than three months before the next day for the Annual Municipal Election, an Election shall be had in each Ward for a new Mayor. in like manner as if a councillor were required to be then elected for each such Ward, but if such period do not exceed three months, then a Mayor shall be elected by the Members of the Council from among themselves to serve until the next Annual Election. 15

If the Election be not contested in any Ward

VII. And be it enacted, That if in any Ward the election be not contested, so that no Poll shall be taken, then all the Municipal Electors therein shall be held to have voted for the Candidate whose Election shall not be contested, and they shall be reckoned accordingly in suming up the total number of votes given for such Candidate in the City or Town. 20