



An Act for the better equalizing the Elective Franchise in certain Counties.

(Passed the thirtieth day of March, A. D. 1859.)

WHEREAS the privilege of returning members to the inhabitants of the Counties of Halifax, Lunenburg, Kings, Hants, Annapolis, Digby, Cumberland, Pictou, Richmond, and Cape Breton, by reason of some portions of the electors being debarred the right which others exercise, of returning Township as well as County members:

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. The election of the members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province for the Counties of Lunenburg, Annapolis, Digby, Cumberland, Richmond, and Cape Breton, shall, after the expiration of the present House of Assembly, be by Counties only, and not as at present by Counties and Townships; and henceforth each of the said Counties of Lunenburg, Annapolis, Digby, and Cumberland shall be represented by three members in the General Assembly, to be chosen by all the electors of the Counties unitedly, and not as heretofore by three members chosen by different constituencies; and the said Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond shall each be represented in General Assembly by two members, to be chosen by all the electors of the County unitedly, and not as heretofore by different constituencies; and the electors of the Townships of Lunenburg, Annapolis and Clements, Granville, Digby, Anherst, Isle Madame, and Sydney, shall not thenceforth choose or return members to serve in General Assembly, except as electors for the County.

2. For the purpose of representation in General Assembly, each of the Counties of Halifax, Kings, Hants, Colchester, and Pictou, after the expiration of the present House of Assembly, shall be separated into two Electoral Divisions, each of which two Electoral Divisions, in place of the members now elected in those Counties, respectively, shall return two members, except the western Electoral Division of the County of Halifax, which, including the City of Halifax, shall return three members.

The two Electoral Divisions of the County of Halifax shall be called, respectively, the Western Electoral Division and Eastern Electoral Division of the County of Halifax.

The Western Electoral Division shall comprise the Township of Halifax, including the City of Halifax, and shall embrace the polling districts numbers one, two, three, four, five, and six in the City, and numbers seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen, in the rest of the Township, and the electors of the said Western Division shall return three members to serve in the General Assembly; and the Eastern Electoral Division shall comprise the rest of the County of Halifax, including the polling districts numbers seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one, and the electors of the said Eastern Division shall return two members to serve in General Assembly, and the five members to be chosen shall be in place of the four members now returned by the different constituencies in that County.

4. The two Electoral Divisions of the County of Hants shall respectively be called the Northern Electoral Division and the Southern Electoral Division of the County of Hants. The polling district in the said County of Hants number seven shall, after the passing of this Act, be bounded on the south by a straight line which, running from the point of junction of the River Hebert with the eastern line of polling district number eight in the said County, shall strike the point of junction of the western line of polling district number ten with the Nine Mile River, and all that triangular tract of land now belonging to number seven, which lies to the southward of the said line, and which is hereby separated from number seven, shall, after the passing of this Act, be annexed to and be part of polling district number eight. The Northern Division shall comprise the polling districts numbers four, six, nine, and eleven, as at present defined, and number seven as hereby abridged and altered; and the Southern Division shall comprise the polling districts numbers one, two, three, five, and ten, as at present defined, and number eight, as hereby enlarged. The electors of each of the said Divisions shall elect and return two Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and the four members so chosen shall be in place of the five members now returned by the different constituencies in that County.

5. The two Electoral Divisions of the County of Colchester shall, respectively, be called the Northern Electoral Division and the Southern Electoral Division of the County of Colchester. The Northern Electoral Division shall comprise the present polling districts numbers six, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, and thirteen; and the Southern Division shall comprise the present polling districts numbers one, two, three, four, five, and seven. The electors of each of the said Divisions shall elect and return two Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and the four members so chosen shall be in place of the four members now returned by the different constituencies in that County.

6. The two Electoral Divisions of the County of Pictou, shall, respectively, be called the Western Electoral Division and the Eastern Electoral Division of the County of Pictou. The Western Electoral Division shall comprise the Township of Pictou, and shall embrace the following polling districts: numbers one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven; and the Eastern Electoral Division shall comprise the Townships of Egerton and Maxwellton, and the rest of the County of Pictou, and shall embrace the polling districts numbers twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-two. The electors of each of the said Electoral Divisions shall elect and return two Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and the four members to be chosen shall be in place of the three members now returned by the different constituencies in the County of Pictou.

7. The two Electoral Divisions in the County of Kings shall, respectively, be called the Northern Electoral Division and the Southern Electoral Division of the County of Kings, which two Divisions shall comprise the whole County, and be divided by a line described as follows, that is to say: by the line separating the Townships of Horton and Cornwallis from the Basin of Minas up the Cornwallis River as far as the River is the division of these Townships near Kentville, and thence continuing along the centre of the River to its source in the Carriboo bog, thence west to the line dividing Cornwallis and Aylesford, thence southerly by that line to the centre of the Main Post road, thence by the centre of the said road westwardly to the line separating the Counties of Kings and Annapolis. All that portion of the County of Kings which lies to the northward of the said line, shall be the Northern Electoral Division; and all that portion which lies to the southward of said line, shall be the Southern Electoral Division. The electors of each of the said Electoral Divisions shall elect and return two Representatives to serve in General Assembly, and the four members so to be chosen shall be in place of the four members now returned by the different constituencies in the County of Kings.

The polling districts in the County of Kings shall be as follows:

Such of the polling districts as shall be wholly within the Northern Electoral Division, as hereby established, shall be polling districts of the said Northern Division.

Those parts of the polling districts numbers three, four, and five, which lie within the said Northern Electoral Division, as hereby established, shall be, respectively, polling districts of the said Northern Division, and be distinguished by the same numbers, three, four and five, respectively, and the polling place of number five shall be at or near Edward Parker's.

And that part of Aylesford which lies within the said Northern Electoral Division, as hereby established, shall be taken from number ten, and shall form a polling district of the said Northern Division, to be called number twelve, whereof the polling place shall be near the Episcopal Church.

Such polling districts as shall be wholly within the Southern Electoral Division, as hereby established, shall be polling districts of the said Southern Division.

That part of polling district number three which lies within the Southern Electoral Division as hereby established, shall be added to polling district number six, the polling place of which is at Kentville, and those parts of polling districts numbers four and five which lie within the Southern Electoral Division, as hereby established, shall unitedly form one polling district of the said Southern Electoral Division, to be called number thirteen, whereof the polling place shall be at or near William Osborn's on the Old Post road.

And that part of polling district number ten in the Township of Aylesford which lies within the said Electoral Division, as hereby established, (not to include the polling district lately established at Dalhousie) shall be a polling district of the said Southern Division, to be called number ten, whereof the polling place shall be at or near Benjamin L. Palmer's.

And the said polling district at Dalhousie shall be a polling district of the said Southern Division, to be called number eleven, whereof the polling place shall be at or near the dwelling house of William Sanders.

8. After the expiration of the present House of Assembly the electors in the whole of each of the said Counties of Halifax, Hants, Colchester, Pictou, and Kings, shall not unitedly choose or return Representatives to serve in General Assembly, nor shall the electors of the Townships of Halifax, Falmouth, Windsor, Newport, Pictou, Cornwallis, or Horton, nor of the present Northern or Southern Districts of Colchester choose or return Representatives, except as electors within some one of the said Electoral Divisions hereinbefore established and described.

9. The electors of the County of Inverness, in consideration of the large population of that County, shall elect and return three members instead of two to represent them in General Assembly.

10. At any election of a member to serve in General Assembly, no person entitled to vote by reason of residence in one of the Electoral Divisions established by this Act, shall be entitled or permitted to vote in any other Electoral Division by reason of real estate or of property qualification, or other cause whatever.

11. The House of Assembly shall comprise fifty-five members. The qualification of the members and of the electors, the polling districts, and the mode of conducting elections, and taking the poll, and the nature and extent of the constituencies, and the number of their Representatives, as far as they are not altered by this Act, continue unchanged.

12. Write for the election of members to serve in General Assembly, after the expiration of the present House, shall be issued in conformity with this Act so far as this Act extends, and in conformity with the law now in force, as far as the same is not altered or affected by this Act.

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