

No person to be elected after issue of Writ of Election to give or promise any reward, &c. in order to be elected.

XL. And be it enacted, That no person or persons hereafter to be elected to serve in Assembly for any County, City, or Place, within this Province, after the teste, or issuing out, or ordering of any Writ of Summons for a new Assembly hereafter to be called, or after any such place becomes vacant hereafter, in the time of this present or any other Assembly in this Province, shall or do hereafter by himself or themselves, or by any other ways or means on his or their behalf, at his or their charges, before his or their election to serve in Assembly for any such County, City or Place, directly or indirectly give present, or allow to any person or persons having voice or vote in such Election, any money, meat, drink, entertainment, or provision, or make any present, gift, reward, or entertainment, or shall at any time hereafter make any promise, agreement, obligation, or engagement to give or allow any money, meat, drink, provision, present, reward, or entertainment, to or for any such person or persons in particular, or to any such County, City, or Place in general, or to or for the use, advantage, benefit, employment, profit, or preferment of any such person or persons, place or places, in order to be elected, or for being elected to serve in Assembly for such County, City or Place.

Person giving or promising any reward for being elected, declared incapacitated to serve.

XLI. And be it enacted, That every person or persons so giving, presenting or allowing, making, promising or engaging, doing, acting or proceeding, shall be and are hereby declared and enacted, disabled and incapacitated upon such Election to serve in the House of Assembly for such County, City or place, and that such person or persons shall not act, sit or have any vote or place in the House of Assembly, but shall be, and are hereby declared and enacted to be to all intents, constructions and purposes as if they had never been returned or elected Members for the Assembly.

Qualification of Members.

Age.

Real Estate.

XLII. And be it enacted, That no person shall be capable of being elected a Member of the Assembly of this Province who shall not be of the age of twenty one years and who shall not be legally seized as of freehold for his own use and benefit of Lands or Tenements within this Province of the value of three hundred pounds currency, over and above all Rents, Mortgages, Judgments, Executions or Extents charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and shall have been seized of such Lands or Tenements six months previous to the Teste of the Writ of such Election, and that every Candidate at any Election of Representatives in the General Assembly, before he shall be capable of being elected, shall if required by any other Candidate, or any Elector, or by the Sheriff or officer holding such Election, make before the said Sheriff or other officer the following declaration:—

Candidates shall if required make a declaration as to qualification before the Sheriff or other Officer.

Form.

“I, A. B. do declare and testify, that I am of the age of twenty one years, and that I am duly seized as of Freehold for my own use and benefit of Lands or Tenements in the Province of New Brunswick, of the value of three hundred pounds currency, over and above all Rents, Mortgages, Judgments, Executions and Extents, charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and that I have been seized of such Lands or Tenements for the period of six months previous to the Teste of the Writ for this Election.”

Declaration may be made by the Candidate or a reputable Freeholder on his behalf.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Candidate at any Election hereafter holden to make and subscribe the declaration mentioned in the forty second section of this Act, in the presence of one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, or of a credible witness, and transmit the said declaration to the Sheriff of the County or City for the representation whereof such person so making the declaration is a Candidate, or such declaration may be made on behalf of and for such Candidate, by any reputable Freeholder, in the presence of the Sheriff or Officer presiding at such Election, and in either case shall have the like force and effect, and subject the person making it to all the pains and penalties as if made in the manner prescribed by the said forty second section of this Act.

False declaration as to qualification as a Candidate.

Penalty.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That if any person shall knowingly and willingly make a false declaration respecting his qualification as a Candidate at any Election as aforesaid, such person shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall suffer the like pains and penalties as by Law are incurred by persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury in the County in which such false declaration shall have been made.

General Assemblies to continue for four years unless sooner dissolved.

XLV. And be it enacted, That every General Assembly of this Province hereafter to be summoned and chosen, shall notwithstanding any demise of the Crown, continue for four years from the day of the return of the Writs for choosing