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#### 4 George IV – Chapter 8

#### **An Act to explain an Act passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, Chapter Fourth, relating to the Returning Officers' duty and to the Elections of Members to serve in the House of Assembly of this Province. (9th March, 1824.)**

Whereas it is expedient to explain and amend certain parts of an Act passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend certain parts of an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to provide Returning Officers for the Elections of Knights, Citizens and Burgesses to serve in the House of Assembly, and to regulate Elections to be held for that purpose, and more effectually to prevent illegal practices in the Elections of Members to serve in the said Assembly, and for further securing the freedom of such Elections;"—Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of Lower-Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of Great-Britain, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North-America,' and to make further provision for the Government of the said Province;"—And it is hereby declared and enacted by the authority of the same, that the entries to be made in the Poll Book by the Returning Officer, at every election of any Member or Members to serve in the House of Assembly for this Province, as specified in the first clause or section of the aforesaid Act, passed in the second year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend certain parts of an Act passed in the forty-seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to provide Returning Officers for the Elections of Knights, Citizens and Burgesses to serve in the House of Assembly, and to regulate Elections to be held for that purpose;' and more effectually to prevent illegal practices in the Elections of Member, to serve in the said Assembly, and for further securing the freedom of such Elections," shall be made in a Poll-Book according to the form to this Act annexed, marked A, and it shall be the duty of such Returning-Officer, when any voter is sworn, to enter in the said Poll-Book, the place of abode of such Voter and the specification of his property, in the words used by such Voter, in describing his place of abode and in stating the specification of his property or qualification in the oath or oaths then administered to such Voter, in conformity to the said Act; and to specify, in the said Poll-Book, the nature of the oath or oaths taken by such Voter, by merely inserting therein its or their number, corresponding with the number of such oath in the Schedules of the Act hereinbefore-mentioned, as the case may require; and the Returning Officer shall, in every respect comply with the form prescribed for the said Poll-Book, and above-mentioned.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that a sufficient number of copies of this Act shall be printed separately, and one copy thereof shall be forwarded to every Returning Officer, who shall hereafter be named for any ensuing General or Special Election, together with the Writ of Election that shall be addressed to him.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that this Act shall remain in force until the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and no longer.

A.—FORM of a Poll Book according to the Acts 47th George III, Chapter 16 and 2d George IV, Chapter 4.

Names of the Voters	Addition, trade or profession	Qualification and where situated	Names of the occupier if the Voter is not in possession	If objected to and by whom	A. B. Candidate	C. D. Candidate	E. F. Candidate	Entries to be made if the Voters have been Sworn					Signature of the Returning Officer, opposite the name of the Voter who has made oath.		
								Place of his abode in the terms used by the voter in the oath.	Description of his property or qualification in the terms used by the Voter in the Oath.	Nature of the oath administered to the Voter according to the Schedule in the Act 2d Geo. IV, Cap 4.					
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