

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1765, in the Fifth Year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations until the eighteenth day of June, 1768, in the Eighth Year of His said Majesty's Reign; being the Sixth Session of the Fourth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

8 George III – Chapter 5 (Session 1)

**An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made and passed in the Third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor."**

Whereas in the Act made and passed in the third year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor, the freeholders are directed to meet on the first Monday in January annually, to make provision for the relief of the poor; And whereas it has been found inconvenient to have the meeting at that season of the year, be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that the said meeting shall be held, for the future, on the last Tuesday in October annually.

II. And whereas in the said Act, no power is given to the freeholders of the several towns at their annual meeting to adjourn in case the business before them cannot be completed on the said day, be it therefore enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the chairman of the said freeholders when so assembled, and the business before them cannot be finished on the first day of their meeting, to adjourn the said meeting to the day following, in order to compleat the business.

III. And whereas in the said Act, no provision is made for the choice of other assessors, in the room of such who may refuse to serve in the said office, to which they shall be appointed, be it enacted, that if any such assessors, so nominated and appointed, shall refuse to serve in the said office, the said freeholders shall proceed to nominate and appoint others in their stead.

IV. And whereas no provision is made in the said Act for compelling the collectors who have accepted the said office, to put the said Act in force against such persons who may refuse to pay the several sums, in which they shall be assessed, be it enacted, that when any such collector or collectors so appointed, shall neglect his or their duty for the space of thirty days, in complying with the directions in the said Act contained, every such collector shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds for every such neglect, to be prosecuted and recovered by the overseers of the poor of the town where such offence shall be committed, by bill, plaint, or information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, to be applied to the use of the poor of such town.

V. And be it further enacted, that all former assessments heretofore made, for the maintenance of the poor, shall be and are hereby confirmed, any want of form, or other defect in the time of meeting of the said freeholders notwithstanding.