

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Fifth Day of December, 1785, in the Twenty-Sixth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Sixth Day of June, Anno Domini 1792, in the Thirty-Second Year of His Majesty's Reign; being the Seventh Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province. From Richard John Uniacke, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: A complete index and abridgement of the whole. John Howe and Son, 1805.

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An Act in amendment of an Act for the better regulating of Elections.

Whereas from the extent of many of the counties in this Province, and from the unimproved state of their roads, it is extremely difficult for the freeholders of such counties, to meet and assemble at any one fixed, or given, place, for the purpose of electing members to serve in the general assembly:

I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that from and after the publication of this act, it shall and may be lawful, on application of either of the candidates) on the day the poll is first opened, for every sheriff, or other officer of the counties herein after named, to whom any writ for electing a member or members for such counties, to serve in the general assembly, of this province, shall be directed, after having opened a poll at the county court-house, if demanded, and having received the votes of the freeholders of such county in manner and form as is directed, in, and by the said act, entitled, "An Act, for the better regulating elections," to remove or adjourn the poll (held as aforesaid) in each of the counties, herein after named, and to the respective places following, that is to say, in the county of Halifax, on application as aforesaid, the poll to be adjourned at the court house in Onslow, and to the town plot called Walmsley, at, or near the harbor of Pictou; in the county of Annapolis, to Scissabou [Sissiboo], opposite to the town plot of New Edinburgh; in King's County, to the town plot of Parrsborough [Parrsboro], near Partridge Island; in the county of Shelburne, to the court-house, and at the French meeting-house in the township of Argyle; in the county of Sydney, to Country Harbour and Antigonish.

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the application aforesaid for the removal or adjournment of the poll, shall be made on the day on which the poll is opened at the county court house, and that the said sheriff or other officer as aforesaid, shall, on such application duly made, forthwith notify the freeholders of the county, of the said adjournment, by fitting up advertisements, at the court-house, where the poll is then held, and at two of the most public places in the district, to which the poll is to be adjourned, that he will, on the twelfth day from the opening the poll at the court-house, continue the same at the place within the district to which it is adjourned; that he will then and there

proceed for the space of two days, to take the poll, or until the electors then and there present be polled.

III. And whereas in the counties of Halifax, and Sydney, the respective sheriffs of those counties, are herein before required, to remove the poll to two places, other than the county court-house, at the request of any or either of the candidates: be it therefore enacted, that the sheriff on opening the poll, at the second place of holding the same, shall give the same notification of holding a poll in the third place, as is herein before directed in counties where the poll shall be held only in two places.

IV. And be it further enacted, that in case the poll shall be removed from one place to another, in any of the before named counties, pursuant to this act, it shall not be lawful for the said sheriff, to carry with him his two assistants, who assisted him in conducting that part of the election, held in the first place, in such county, but shall, on removal of the poll, appoint other assistants, in such place, or places to which it shall or may be removed.