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At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Eighteenth day of November, 1806, and continued by several prorogations to Thursday the Fourteenth day of February, 1811, in the Fifty-first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. &c. being the Seventh Session of the Ninth General Assembly, convened in the said Province. From Henry H. Cogswell, The Statutes at Large passed in the General Assembly held in His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia: from the Sixth Session of the Eighth General Assembly, to the Fifty-Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign. John Howe and Son, 1816.

51 George III – Chapter 21

An Act in further amendment to an Act, made in the third and fourth years of his present Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships within this Province to maintain their Poor."

Whereas, the time at present established for the meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Halifax to vote money for the maintenance of their poor, is found to be inconvenient, and the fine imposed by law, upon persons chosen assessors who refuse to serve, is too small; for remedy whereof:

I. Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly, that the commissioners of the poor of the town and peninsula of Halifax, shall summon the inhabitants of the said town and peninsula to meet on the first Monday in November, annually, to vote such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year then next following, instead of the first Monday in April, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that if any person appointed an assessor, to assess the said money so voted, shall refuse, or neglect, to serve in the said office, such person, so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the said commissioners of the poor, for the use of the poor of the said township the sum of five pounds, to be recovered by the said commissioners before any two justices of the peace of the county of Halifax.