

The Provincial Statutes of Lower-Canada, Being the Fourth Session of the First Provincial Parliament of Lower-Canada. Quebec: William Vondenvelden, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, 1796.

36 George III – Chapter 1

An Act to declare and ascertain the Period when the Acts of the Provincial Parliament of this Province shall take effect. [30th January, 1796]

Whereas it is expedient that the period from which the Laws of this Province are to have operation and effect, should be precisely ascertained, 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 enacted by the Authority of the same, that the Clerk of the Legislative Council of this Province, shall indorse on every Act of the Provincial Parliament which shall hereafter pass, immediately after the Title of such Act, the day, month and year, when the same shall have passed, and shall have been assented to in his Majesty's name by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government. And in each and every case, where any Bill shall have been reserved for the Signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon, that the day, month and year, on which the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government, shall signify, either by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Province, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same, shall be indorsed thereon, and such indorsement shall be taken to be a part of such Act, and to be the date of its Commencement, where no other commencement shall be therein provided.

II. And whereas doubts may arise, respecting the period from which the Acts passed since the first Session of the present Legislature, should take effect, be it therefore further enacted and declared, that all such Acts as have passed since the first Session of the present Legislature, shall take effect from the day on which the same have been passed respectively, unless otherwise specially provided in any of the said Acts, any Law or usage to the Contrary notwithstanding.