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**An Act relating to non-resident Freemen of the City of Saint John. Passed 1st May 1856.**

Section.

1. Certain non-residents to be entitled to the privileges of resident Freemen.

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2. Place where such non-residents shall vote.

Whereas many persons doing business in the City of Saint John reside in the suburbs: And whereas from the great increase of the population it is apprehended that persons engaged in mercantile and other pursuits in the said City, will be obliged to reside outside the limits thereof: And whereas it is right and just that they should retain their rights and privileges as citizens;—

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That all persons being Freemen of the City of Saint John, personally engaged in conducting or attending to any business, employment, or occupation whatsoever within the same, and who shall be assessed therein upon personal estate or income, shall be deemed and taken to be residents and inhabitants thereof, and shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges, and immunities of resident Freemen and inhabitants, notwithstanding their place of abode be without the boundaries of the said City; provided that the Mayor and Recorder shall, nevertheless, reside within the limits of the said City, and also the Common Clerk, unless he shall have a sufficient deputy whose place of abode shall be within the bounds thereof; and further provided, that nothing in this Act contained shall authorize any person to vote at elections for Members to serve for the City of Saint John in the General Assembly of this Province.

2. Such non-residents who shall have been assessed in the assessment in the City next preceding any election, and who shall have paid all rates and taxes legally due from them, shall vote in the Wards in which their places of business are respectively situate.