

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Newfoundland*, passed in the year 1834.

4 William IV – Chapter 14 (Session 1)

**An Act for Increasing the Number of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of this Island.  
(12th June, 1834.)**

Whereas the Number of Members constituting the House of Assembly of this Island, is found to be much too limited, and it is therefore deemed expedient to increase the number of the Members of the said House of Assembly, and to alter the division of Electoral Districts as heretofore existing in the said Island: Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly of Newfoundland, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that for the purpose of the Election of the Members of the said Assembly, and of all future Members of this Island of Newfoundland, the said Island shall, from and after the First Day of January, which will be in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Five, be divided into Twenty-four Districts, to be called respectively,

The District of Saint John's,  
The District of Petty Harbor,  
The District of Torbay,  
The District of Portugal Cove,  
The District of Carbonear,  
The District of Harbor Grace,  
The District of Port-de-Grave,  
The District of Western Bay,  
The District of Brigus.  
The District of Harbor Main,  
The District of Trinity Bay, South,  
The District of Trinity Bay, North,  
The District of Bonavista Bay, South,  
The District of Bonavista Bay, North,  
The District of Fogo,  
The District of Twillingate,  
The District of Bay Bulls,  
The District of Ferryland,  
The District of Saint Mary's,  
The District of Placentia,  
The District of Paradise,  
The District of Burin,  
The District of Fortune Bay,  
The District of Hermitage Bay.

II. And be it further enacted, that for the purpose of forming the Districts of Saint John's, Petty Harbor, Torbay, and Portugal Cove, a line shall be drawn from the South Head of Petty Harbor to Topsail Head, in Conception Bay, from which line, at a distance of Six Miles inland from Petty Harbour

Head, aforesaid, a line shall be drawn direct to Cape Saint Francis. A line shall then be drawn from the centre of the Beach, at the Head of Fresh-Water Bay, to the Main Diver running into the Harbor of Saint John's, at River Head, to strike the said River at the distance of One Mile above Job's Mill; thence to run due West, until it shall strike the aforementioned line from Cape Saint Francis to the said Southern boundary line; and all the Shores and Land included within the said boundary lines, and bounded on the East by the Sea, shall form and be the District of Petty Harbor, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And for forming the said District of Saint John's, a line from Small Point on the Sea Shore North of St. John's, shall be drawn due West, until it shall strike the aforesaid line from Cape Saint Francis to the Southern boundary of the District of Petty Harbor; and all the shores and land lying between and bounded by the said line from Cape Saint Francis on the West, the Sea on the East, the said line from Small Point on the North, and the said District of Petty Harbor on the South, and comprising the Town and Suburbs of Saint John's, shall form and be the District of Saint John's; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by Two Members.

And the said District of Torbay shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, extending from Cape Saint Francis to the said Northern Boundary of the District of Saint John's, bounded on the West by the said boundary line running from Cape Saint Francis to the Petty Harbor District; by the Sea on the East, and by the said District of Saint John's on the South; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Portugal Cove shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded on the West by Conception Bay, extending thereby from Topsail Head to Cape Saint Francis, and including the Islands of Great Belle Isle and Little Belle Isle, and Kelly's Island; on the South by the aforesaid line, drawn from the South Head of Petty Harbor to Topsail Head, and on the East by the before described Districts of Torbay, Saint John's and Petty Harbor,—and the said District of Portugal Cove shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Western Bay shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between Split Point on the East, and the Eastern side of Salmon Cove, and Salmon Cove River on the West; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Carbonear shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between the Western side of Salmon Cove, and Salmon Cove River aforesaid, and the North Point of Mosquito, and bounded on the South by a line extending from the said North Point of Mosquito along the summit of Saddle-Hill, Five Miles inland, including Carbonear Island, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Harbour Grace shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between the North Point of Mosquito, and the said Southern boundary line of the District of Carbonear, and the North side of the River running into the

head of Spaniard's Bay, including Harbor Grace Island; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Port-de-Grave shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between the South Side of the said River running into the Head of Spaniard's Bay, and the North Side of Northern Gut in Port-de-Grave Salmon Cove, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Brigus shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between the South Side of Northern Gut in Port- de-Grave Salmon Cove, and the North Point of Turk's Gut; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Harbor Main shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between the North Point of Turk's Gut and Topsail Head; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Trinity Bay, South, shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate between Split Point and Tickle Harbour Point; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Trinity Bay, North, shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate between Tickle Harbour Point and Cape Bonavista, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Bonavista Bay, South, shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate between Cape Bonavista and Salvage, inclusive; and including the Town and Harbour of Bonavista and all Islands within the said limits; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Bonavista Bay, North, shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by Islands and the shore which is situate between Salvage and Deadman's Point, and including Greenspond and all Islands within the said limits; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Fogo shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded by Islands and the shore, which is situate between Deadman's Point and Change Point, including the Island of Fogo, and all other Islands within the said limits; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Twillingate shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island of Newfoundland, bounded by Islands and the shore, which is situate and lying between Change Point and Cape Saint John, including the Island of Twillingate and all Islands within the said limits; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Bay Bulls shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate between the South Head of Petty Harbour and Cape Neddick, inclusive; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Ferryland shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between Cape Neddick and Cape Race; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of St. Mary shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between Cape Race and Point Lance; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Placentia shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the Shore, which is situate and lying between Point Lance and Great Southern Harbor, inclusive, and including the Islands of Bordeaux, Long Island, Red Island, and the Ram's Islands, and all other Islands which are nearer to the Eastern than the Western side of Placentia Bay; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Paradise shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the Shore, situate and lying between Come-by-Chance and Rashoon inclusive, and including Merasheen Island, Sound Island, Woody Island, Barren Island, Ship Island, Burgeo Island, Isle of Valen, Marticot, Oderin, Crow's Island, Patrick's Island, and all other Islands not specified, which are nearer the Western side than the Eastern side of Placentia Bay; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Burin shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying between Rashoon and Point May, inclusive, and including the Flat Islands, and all other Islands not herein specified which are situate near to or within the Boundaries aforesaid; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Fortune Bay shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the Shore, which is situate and lying between Point May and Jerseyman's Harbor inclusive; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

And the said District of Hermitage Bay shall consist of and include all that part of the said Island, bounded by the shore, which is situate and lying Westward of Jerseyman's Harbour aforesaid, including Saint George's Bay, Bay of Islands, and Bonne Bay; and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by One Member.

III. And in order to prevent the inconveniences of a Dissolution of the General Assembly for the purpose of Electing the said additional Members: Be it further enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor or Acting Governor, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Council, by any Proclamation or Proclamations or Writ or Writs in the name of His Majesty, without Dissolving the present existing General Assembly of this Island, to summons and call from among the Freeholders and

Householders of the respective Districts of this Island according to the Divisions thereof heretofore existing, to the said General Assembly, Ten additional Members, that is to say, Two Members for the District of Saint John's, Two Members for the District of Conception Bay, and One Member each, respectively, for the Districts of Trinity Bay, Bonavista Bay, Fogo, Ferryland, Placentia, and Saint Mary's and Fortune Bay, and that such Ten Members, being duly elected and returned, shall be Members of the said General Assembly: Provided always, that after a Dissolution of the General Assembly of this Island shall have taken place, all future Elections of Members for Districts, to serve in the General Assembly of this Island, shall be made in pursuance of, and under the amended Division of Districts hereinbefore described.

IV. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall not have any force or effect, until His Majesty's pleasure thereon shall have been first duly signified.