

Laws of His Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1835.

5 William IV – Chapter 10

An Act to limit the duration of the Parliaments of this Colony. (8th May, 1835.)

Whereas frequent and new Parliaments tend very much to the happy union and good government of the King and People; and whereas it is expedient to limit the duration of the present and all future Parliaments of this Colony: Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Newfoundland, in Colonial Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, that this present Parliament of the Colony of Newfoundland shall cease and determine on the last day of the first Session thereof which shall be held in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six, unless it shall be legally dissolved before that period.

II. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that from henceforth each and every Parliament, or General Assembly, when shall at any time or times hereafter be convened, called, summoned or held, within this Island of Newfoundland, shall, notwithstanding the Demise of the Crown, have continuance for the term or period of Four Years, to be computed from the day on which, by any Proclamations or Proclamation of His Majesty, such Parliament shall first be duly appointed to meet; and no longer: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent His Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, from dissolving any such Assembly, should he or they deem it expedient so to do.

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