

Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1846.

9 Victoria – Chapter 9 (Session 2)

An Act to prevent the Disqualification of persons entitled to Vote at Elections or to serve in the General Assembly for the District of St. John's. (Passed 4th August, 1846.)

Whereas by reason of the destruction, on the Ninth day of June last, of a great part of the Town of St. John's by Fire, and of the length of time which must necessarily elapse before such part of the said Town can be rebuilt, many Householders may, under the Law as it at present exists, be disqualified from sitting as Members of the General Assembly, and from voting at the next election of Members for the District of St. John's: For remedy whereof—

I. Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, That no person having been the occupier of a Dwelling House in the Town of St. John's on the Ninth day of June aforesaid, and having had such Dwelling House destroyed by Fire on that day, and who shall be in other respects qualified to serve in the General Assembly as a Member thereof, shall be disqualified from being elected a Member as aforesaid for the next General Assembly of this Island by reason of such person not having occupied a Dwelling House for the period of Two Years next preceding any such election.

II. And be it enacted, That no person having been the occupier of a Dwelling House in the Town of St. John's on the Ninth day of June aforesaid, and having had such Dwelling House destroyed by Fire on that day, and who shall be in other respects qualified to vote at the election of Members to serve in the General Assembly, shall be disqualified from voting at any such election by reason of such person not having occupied a Dwelling House for the period of Two Years next preceding such election within the said District.

III. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the effect of qualifying any person either to be Candidate or Voter, who would not, at the time of such election, have been qualified if such Fire had not occurred.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall continue and be in force for a period of Three Years, and no longer.