

*Laws of His Majesty's Province of Upper Canada in North America*, passed in the year 1808.  
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48 George III – Chapter 11

**An Act for the better Representation of the Commons of this Province in Parliament, and to repeal part of an Act passed in the fortieth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled "*an Act for the more equal representation of the Commons of this Province, and for the better defining the qualification of the Electors.*" Passed 16th March, 1808.**

Whereas it is necessary to encrease the representation of the Commons of this Province in Parliament; Be it 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 Upper 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 by the authority of the same, That so much of an act, passed in the fortieth year of his Majesty's reign, entitled "*an Act for the more equal representation of the Commons of this Province in Parliament, and for the better defining the qualification of Electors,*" as relates to the number of members to represent the Common of this Province in the House of Assembly, shall be repealed, and the same is hereby repealed accordingly.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the end of the present parliament, the representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly, shall be in manner following, that is to say, That the county of Prescot [Prescott] shall be represented by one member; that the county of Glengary [Glengarry] shall be represented by two members; that the counties of Dundas, Glenville, Leeds, Frontenac and Prince Edward, except the Township of Ameliasburgh, be each represented by one member; that the incorporated counties of Lenox [Lennox] and Addington, be together represented by two members; that the county of Hastings, and the Township of Ameliasburgh, in the county of Prince Edward, be represented by one member; that the counties of Northumberland and Durham, shall together be re-represented by on member; the East Riding of the county of York and the county of Simcoe by one member; that the West Riding of the county of York shall be represented by one member; that the first Riding of the county of Lincoln and the county of Haldimand shall be represented by two members, in the manner following, viz. the townships of Saltfleet, Ancaster, Barton, Glansford and Binbrook, with so much of the county of Haldimand as lies between Dundas Street and the Onondaga Village, (commonly called Bearsfoot) and on the River Ouse [Grand River], by one member, and the townships of Grimsby, Clinton, Gainsborough and Caistor, with so much of the county of Haldimand as lies between the Onondaga Village aforesaid and the mouth of the River Ouse [Grand River], by one member; that the second riding of the County of Lincoln shall be represented by one member; that the third riding of the county of Lincoln shall be represented by one member; that the fourth riding of the county of Lincoln shall be represented by one member;

that the county of Norfolk shall be represented by one member; that the county of Kent shall be represented by one member; that the county of Essex shall be represented by two members.

III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no returning officer or officers who may be hereafter appointed, shall continue any election more than six days, but shall at the expiration of that time, close the poll, notwithstanding any law, usage or custom to the contrary.