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## C A P. LXVIII.

**An Act to amend so much of an Act of the Thirty-first Year of His late Majesty, as relates to the Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Upper Canada*.**

[26th *May* 1826.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal certain Parts of an Act passed in the* 31 G. 3. c. 31.
*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,* it is amongst other Things enacted, that no Person shall be summoned to the Legislative Council in either of the Provinces of *Upper Canada* and *Lower Canada* who shall not be of the full Age of Twenty-one Years, and a natural-born Subject of His Majesty, or a Subject of His Majesty naturalized by Act of the *British* Parliament, or a Subject of His Majesty having become such by the Conquest and Cession of the Province of *Canada;* and it is thereby further provided, that no Person shall be capable of voting at any Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly in either of the said Provinces of *Upper Canada* or *Lower Canada,* or of being elected at any such Election, who shall not be of the full Age of Twenty-one Years, and a natural-born Subject of His Majesty, or a

Subject of His Majesty's naturalized by Act of the *British* Parliament, or a Subject of His Majesty having become such by the Conquest and Cession of the Province of *Canada*: And whereas it is expedient that Persons naturalized by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Upper Canada*, assented to by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, should be enabled to be summoned to the Legislative Council of the said Province of *Upper Canada*, and of voting at the Elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, or of being elected at any such Election; be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Persons naturalized by any Act of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Upper Canada*, assented to by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, shall henceforth be and be deemed competent in the Law to be summoned to the Legislative Council of the said Province of *Upper Canada*, and to vote at the Elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, and to be elected at any such Election.

Persons naturalized in Upper Canada may be summoned to the Legislative Council, and vote at Elections.

Naturalization Bills not to have effect till they have received His Majesty's Assent.

II. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That whenever any Bill which has been passed by the Legislative Council and by the House of Assembly in the said Province of *Upper Canada*, for the Naturalization of any Persons or Person, shall be presented for His Majesty's Assent to the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of the said Province, or to the Person administering His Majesty's Government therein, such Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government, shall and he is hereby required to reserve every such Bill for the Signification of His Majesty's Pleasure thereon; and no such Bill shall have any Force or Authority within the said Province of *Upper Canada* until the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government, shall signify, either by Speech or Message to the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province, or by Proclamation, that such Bill has been laid before His Majesty in Council, and that His Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same; and no such Bill shall have any Force or Authority within the said Province unless His Majesty's Assent thereto shall have been so signified as aforesaid, within the Space of Two Years from the Day on which such Bill shall have been presented for His Majesty's Assent to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government.

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