

Id. art. 456
amended.

8. Article 456 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by striking out the words "condemned to a penalty and costs," in the second and third lines thereof.

Id. form Z
amended.

9. Form Z, annexed to the said Quebec Election Act in the said Revised Statutes, is amended by inserting after the words "in good faith", in the tenth line of the oath, the words "conscientiously believing the same to be well founded."

Coming into
force.

10. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

C A P. X.

An Act to amend the Quebec Controverted Elections Act.

[Assented to 30th December, 1890.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows :

R. S. Q. art.
480 amended.

1. Article 480 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec is amended by adding thereto the following :

Facts to be
clearly al-
leged, &c.

"But every fact must be specially and clearly alleged, with date and place when and where committed, so as to place the defendant at once on his guard.

General, &c.,
allegations to
be struck.

Every general and vague allegation shall be rejected, with costs, by the judge on motion to that effect."

Id. art. 481
amended.

2. Article 481 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by adding thereto the following :

Witnesses to
signature of
petition.

"In the presence of two witnesses, who certify that they saw the petitioner or petitioners sign.

Affidavit to be
produced in
support of
allegations.

Such petition shall be supported by one or more affidavits, attesting the personal knowledge of one or more of the cases alleged, so that such affidavit or affidavits shall cover all the facts alleged.

Unsupported
allegations to
be struck.

On motion to that effect, all allegations unsupported by affidavit shall be struck by the court or judge, with costs."

Id. art. 486
amended.

3. Article 486 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by replacing the words "one thousand" in the first line thereof, by the words "fifteen hundred."

Arts. added
after art. 498.

4. The following paragraph is added after paragraph second of section third of chapter third of title second of the said Revised Statutes, after article 498 :

§ 2a.—*Acquiescence of defendant as to nullity of election.*

"~~498a~~. The defendant may, at any time after the filing of the petition, declare that his election is null by reason of corrupt practices on behalf of his agents, without his knowledge or consent, and, thereafter, no act other than those purely personal to the defendant, or to his knowledge and with his consent, can be proved, and then only if the defendant is at once connected therewith in a reasonable manner."

Acquiescence in nullity of petition. Proof limited thereafter.

5. Article 512 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "and those incurred by the witnesses of the petitioner shall be at once paid to them by the sheriff, who may be reimbursed at once by the treasurer."

Id. art. 512 amended. Payment of petitioner's witnesses.

6. Article 514 of the said Revised Statutes is replaced by the following:

Id. art. 514 replaced.

"514. No judgment can be had against any person, except a candidate, for personal corrupt practices, on an incidental procedure but only on regular suit before the Superior Court, within the delays by law prescribed."

Suit to be taken for personal corrupt practices.

Such suit is proceeded with as an ordinary suit, and the judgment therein shall be subject to appeal as prescribed in article 553a."

Proceedings therein and appeal.

7. Article 516 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by replacing the word "three," in the fifth line thereof, by the word "eight."

Id. art. 516 amended.

8. Article 541 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by replacing the second clause thereof by the following: "This inscription shall be accompanied by a deposit of eighty dollars, to cover the expenses of the Court of Review, and, if the petition have been presented elsewhere than at Quebec or Montreal, by a further deposit of twenty dollars, for making up and transmitting the record."

Id. art. 541 amended. Deposit required with inscription.

9. Article 545 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by inserting after the word "cause", in the third line thereof, the words "together with the sum of eighty dollars in his hands under article 541."

Id. art. 545 amended.

10. Article 586 of the said Revised Statutes is amended by inserting after the word "persons", in the first line, the words "saving the witnesses who may have already been paid under the provisions of article 512."

Id. art. 586 amended.