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An Act to remove certain disabilities arising from infringements of "The Quebec Election Act."

[Assented to 27th May, 1882.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, when candidates are found guilty of any illegal acts, there is no provision of law by which such candidates may be relieved from the penalties or the disabilities they may have incurred, even when extenuating circumstances exist, or when, after the trial, circumstances are brought to light so as to cast a doubt upon the proof against the candidate; and whereas, owing to circumstances accompanying such election suits, from the coming into force of the Quebec Election Act, it is only just and expedient to come to the assistance and improve the position of candidates who have been convicted of illegal acts; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

Judgments concerning infractions of Election Act heretofore rendered not to render candidate unfit to be elected, &c.

1. No judgment, order, or report, hitherto pronounced or made, shall hereafter have the effect of rendering a candidate unfit to be elected a member of the Legislative Assembly or incapable of being inscribed as an elector, or hereafter voting at elections, or incapable of any office within the gift of the Crown or of the Lieutenant-Governor in the Province.

Act in force.

2. The present Act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

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An Act to abolish the property qualification of members of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec.

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

Property qualification of members abolished.

1. From and after the sanctioning of this act no real estate qualification shall be required of any candidate for a seat in the Legislative Assembly of this Province or of any member of the said assembly; but such candidate must be at least twenty one years of age, of the male sex, a subject of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization and free from all legal disability.