



as it may deem necessary for any of its proceedings or deliberations.

Protection of persons acting under authority of either house.

**3.** No person shall be liable in damages or otherwise, for any act done under the authority of either house, and within its legal power, or in virtue of any warrant issued under such authority. All such warrants may command the aid and assistance of all sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, and others, and every refusal or failure to give such aid or assistance when required, shall be an infringement of this act.

What shall be deemed infractions of this act.

**4.** The following are prohibited and shall be deemed infractions of this act :

1. Assaults, insults or libels upon members of either house during the session of the legislature and twenty days before and after the same ;

2. Obstructing, threatening or attempting to force or intimidate members of either house ;

3. The offering to or acceptance by any such member of a bribe to influence him in his proceedings as such ;

4. Assaults upon or interference with officers of either house, while in the execution of their duty ;

5. Tampering with any witness in regard to evidence to be given by him before either house, or any committee of such house ;

6. Presenting to either house or to any committee thereof, any forged or falsified document, with intent to deceive such house or committee ;

7. Forging, falsifying or unlawfully altering any of the records of either house, or of any committee thereof, or any document or petition presented or filed or intended to be presented or filed before such house or committee, or the setting or subscribing, by any person, of the name of any other person to any such document or petition with intent to deceive.

Freedom of speech.

**5.** No member of either house shall be liable to any civil action or prosecution, arrest, imprisonment, or damages by reason of any matter or thing brought by him by petition, bill, resolution, motion or otherwise, before the house or said by him before such house ; and the bringing of any such action or prosecution, the causing or effecting of any such arrest or imprisonment, and the awarding of any such damages, shall be deemed violations of this act.

Freedom from arrest.

**6.** Except for any breach of this act, no member of either house shall be liable to arrest, detention or molestation for any debt or cause whatever of a civil nature during any session of the legislature, or during the twenty days preceding or the twenty days following such session ; and any such arrest, detention or molestation shall be an infringement of this act.

**7.** During the periods mentioned in the preceding section all members, officers and employees of either house, and all witnesses summoned to attend before such house or any committee thereof, shall be exempt from serving or attending as jurors before any court of justice in this province.

Freedom of members and officers from serving as jurors.

**8.** Every person who shall commit any infringement of this act shall be liable therefor to an imprisonment for such time, during the session of the legislature then being held, as may be determined by the house before whom such infringement shall be inquired into.

Punishment for infraction of this act.

**9.** All infringements of this act may be summarily enquired into by the house in respect of which they have been committed, in such manner and form as the said house may deem proper; and for the purposes of this act, each of the houses is hereby vested with all such powers and jurisdiction as may be necessary or expedient for enquiring into, judging and pronouncing upon any such infringement, and awarding and carrying into execution the punishment thereof provided for by this act.

How breaches of this act shall be enquired into and punished.

**10.** In case of any civil proceeding hereafter to be commenced, for, or on account, or in respect of the publication of any copy of any report, paper, votes or proceedings of either house, the defendant, at any stage of the proceedings, may lay before the court or judge such report, paper, votes or proceedings, and such copy, with an affidavit verifying such report, paper, votes or proceedings, and the correctness of such copy; and the court or judge shall immediately stay such civil proceedings, and the same, and every writ or process issued therein, shall be, and shall be deemed to be, finally put an end to, determined and superseded by virtue of this act.

Protection of persons publishing parliamentary papers, &c.

**11.** It shall be lawful in any civil proceeding in Quebec to be commenced, for printing any extract from, or abstract of any such report, paper, votes or proceedings, to give in evidence under the general issue or denial, such report, paper, votes or proceedings, and to show that such extract or abstract was published *bonâ fide* and without malice, and if such shall be the opinion of the court or of the jury, as the case may be, judgment shall be rendered, or a verdict shall be entered, for the defendant.

Protection of persons publishing abstracts of such papers.

**12.** In any such proceeding, any copy of the journals of either of such houses, printed or purporting to be printed by the order of the same, shall be admitted as evidence of such journals by all courts, justices and others, without any proof being given that such copies were so printed.

Printed copies of journals to be evidence.

**13.** This act may be sufficiently cited under the name of "The Quebec Parliamentary Act."