Magistrate to determine disputed election.

1900, No. 16, sec. 18

Form of nomination and voting papers. Ibid, sec. 19

When members to take office. Ibid, sec. 20

Annual retirement of three members of Board.

First elections may be postponed Ibid, sec. 18

Conduct of elections for new districts. Ibid, sec. 19

Where required number of persons not nominated. Ibid, sec. 13 (8)

Qualification for members of Board. Ibid, sec. 20

Disqualification of members Ibid, sec. 21

28. If any dispute or question arises touching the regularity of any election, such dispute or question shall be determined by a Stipendiary Magistrate in manner provided by "The Regulation of Local Elections Act, 1876," all the provisions of which shall, mutatis mutandis, apply in so far as the same are applicable.

29. Nomination-papers and voting-papers for the purposes of this Act shall be in the form in the *Third* Schedule hereto.

30. The members elected at the ordinary annual election, as hereinbefore provided, shall take office on the second Monday in August following the day of election.

31. (1.) On the second Monday in August first following the coming into operation of this Act, and on the same day in every 1877, No. 21, sec. 15 year thereafter, one-third of the members then in office shall retire.

(2.) The members to retire in each year shall be those who have

served longest upon the Board without re-election.

(3.) All retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

32. In the case of education or school districts hereafter constituted, the Governor may, by Order in Council, postpone for a period not exceeding two months all or any first elections of School Committees or Education Boards for such districts, and all proceed-20 ings incident to any such election postponed as aforesaid shall be respectively postponed for the same period. In case of any such postponement, the members of the Board shall take office on such day as shall be fixed by the Governor in Council.

33. Where a new education district has been constituted, all 25 the proceedings in and about the first election of a Board for such new district shall be had and taken in the manner hereinbefore provided by the Board of the district of which such new district originally formed part, or, if the Governor in Council thinks fit so to order, by any other Board which can more conveniently conduct such elec- 30 tion.

34. In the event of nine persons not being nominated as herein provided, the Board shall elect such a number of duly qualified persons as may be necessary to complete the number of the Board.

35. Every person, male or female, of the full age of twenty-one years, and not disqualified as mentioned in the next section, resident in the education district shall be qualified to be a member of the Board.

36. (1.) If any member shall, by writing under his hand 40 addressed to the Chairman of the Board, resign his office, or shall die, or become of unsound mind, or be adjudicated a bankrupt, or execute any deed of composition or arrangement with his creditors, or be absent without leave from the meetings of the Board for three consecutive months, or be convicted of treason, perjury, or any in- 45 famous crime, or any crime punishable by death or imprisonment with hard labour for any term of three years or upwards, he shall immediately cease to be a member of the Board.

(2.) If any member shall receive any salary from the Board or accept or hold any office or employment from or under the Board to 50 which any salary, fees, or emoluments are attached, or shall be or become interested or concerned (except as a member of a registered or

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