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*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11 December, 1888.* }

F. W. WEBB,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

New South Wales.



ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

No. .

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WHEREAS it is expedient that the Mayor of the City of Sydney Preamble. should be elected by the citizens of the said city instead of by the Aldermen of the Municipal Council of the said city. Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the 5 advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

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10 2. So much of the Act forty-third Victoria number three Mayor of Sydney how elected. [hereinafter termed the Principal Act] as provides for the Election of the Mayor of the City of Sydney by the Aldermen of the said city Repeal. shall be repealed; and, after the passing of this Act, all Elections of the Mayor of the City of Sydney, except in the case of extraordinary 15 vacancies happening during the year 1888, which shall be conducted as if this Act had not been passed, shall be held in accordance with the provisions following, namely:—

20 (1) The Mayor of the City of Sydney for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and for every subsequent year, shall be elected from among the Aldermen for the time being by the citizens; and the Mayor so to be elected shall enter on his office on the first day of January next following his election, shall retire at the end of the year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

City of Sydney Mayoral Election.

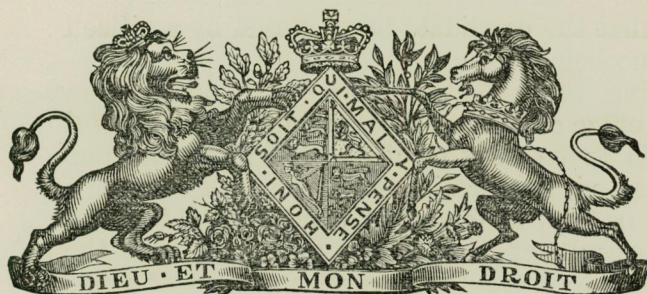
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- 15 (III) If at such meeting there be no more than one person nominated for the office of Mayor, the Presiding Officer shall declare such person to be duly elected. If more than one person be so nominated, the Presiding Officer shall call for a show of hands, separately, in favour of each candidate; and shall declare the result of such show of hands, and the candidate so declared to have the largest number of votes shall be duly elected, unless a poll be then and there demanded by some candidate, or by not fewer than six citizens. If such demand be made the polling shall take place by ballot on that day week in each Ward, in accordance with the provisions contained in sections twenty to thirty-one, both inclusive, of the Principal Act, for which purpose such sections shall be read as if instead of the word "Alderman" or "Aldermen" the word "Mayor" were inserted. Provided that the form of ballot-papers to be used at such elections shall be altered so as to show that the election is of a Mayor, and not of an Alderman, and that the ballot-papers shall be delivered to the Mayor at the Town Hall, who shall declare the result of the election publicly at the Town Hall, on a day to be named by him immediately after the demand for a poll, and not being later than three days after the day of polling. And provided lastly that no person who is not qualified to vote at elections of Aldermen for the said city, shall be qualified to vote at any election of a Mayor.
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