

**List of Acts passed by the Nova Scotia House of Assembly Relating to the Franchise
by Year with References**

Date	Acts Relating to the Franchise	Ref
1758	Minutes of His Majesty's Council, 20 May 1758 (order in council for the election of a "General Assembly" – electors to be 21 years of age, Protestant and having freehold)	RG1, vol. 211, NSARM
1789	<i>An Act for the better regulation of Elections</i> (no religious test for electors and oath for Quakers)	29 Geo c.I, sec. 6
1826	<i>An Act for the Relief of Roman Catholics</i> (repeals previous acts containing penalties and disabilities imposed upon Roman Catholics)	7 Geo IV, c.18
1830	<i>An Act for the relief of His Majesty's Roman Catholic Subjects in this Province</i> (removes any doubts concerning the franchise and membership in the Assembly)	11 Geo. IV, c. 1.
1847	<i>An Act to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly</i> (enacts simultaneous polling)	10 Vic., c. 1
1851	<i>An Act to extend the Elective Franchise</i> (electors to be male, 21 years of age and pay rates, i.e. ratepayers franchise)	14 Vic., c.2
1854	<i>An Act concerning the Elective Franchise</i> (electors to be male, 21 years of age, British born or naturalized, resident for five years in the province, in essence universal suffrage; paupers and Indians specifically disenfranchised)	17 Vic. c.6
1863	<i>An Act to regulate the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly</i> (repeals 1854 act and reinstates property qualification)	26 Vic. c.28
1870	<i>An Act to establish Vote by Ballot at Elections...</i> (electors to vote by secret ballot)	33 Vic. c.24
1918	<i>An Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts in respect to the Electoral Franchise</i> (electors to be male and female)	8-9 Geo. V., c. 2
1920	<i>An Act to Amend Chapter 2, Acts of 1918...</i> (substitutes new qualification for electors whether male or female)	10-11 Geo. V
1970	<i>An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, 1967, The Elections Act</i> (electors' age reduced from 21 to 19 years of age)	19 Eliz. II c.41
1973	<i>An Act to Amend Chapter 83 of the Revised Statutes, 1967, the Elections Act</i> (elector's age reduced from 19 to 18 years of age)	22 Eliz. II c.29