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By the house of Delegates 15<sup>th</sup> December 1708.

Read and assented to by the house of Delegates.

Signed p order Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam Cl: ho: Del:

December the 15<sup>th</sup> 1708.

Then was the bill read and assented to by her Maj<sup>tys</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill & Signed p order.

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December the 17<sup>th</sup> 1708.

On the behalfe of our Sovereigne Lady Ann Queen of Great Brittain &c<sup>a</sup> I will this be a Law

Jo: Seymour

An Act directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Delegates and Representatives to Serve in Succeeding Assemblys.

fforasmuch as the Chiefest and only foundation and Support of any Kingdom State or Commonwealth is the providing Establishing and Enacting good and wholesome Laws for the good rule and Government thereof and also upon any necessary and Emergent Occasion to raise and Levy money for the defraying the Charge of the said Government and the defence thereof neither of which according to the Constitution of this province Can be made ordained Established and Raised but by and with the Consent of the ffreemen of this province by their Severall Delegates and Representatives by them freely nominated Chosen and Elected to serve for their Severall Countys in Generall Assembly and forasmuch as the Safest and best rule for this province to follow in Electing such Delegates and Representatives is the presidents of the proceedings in parliments in England as near as the Constitution of this province will admitt The Governour Councill and delegates of this Present Generall Assembly do humbly pray that it may be Enacted.

And be it Enacted by the Queens most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and Consent of her Maj<sup>tys</sup> Governour p. 355 Councill and Assembly of this Province and the authority of the same that for the future when and as often as his Excellency the Governour of this province for the time being shall upon any accident and urgent affaire of this province think fitt to Call and Convene an Assembly and to send out Writts for Electing of Burgesses and Delegates to Serve in such Assembly such Writts shall Issue forth forty days at Least before