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**POLITICAL FRANCHISE.**

1878.

Franchise	Name of the Electoral Divisions	Number of Representatives	Number of Registered Electors at last Election
<p>Qualification to serve as Common Jurors.</p> <p>viz.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The age of 22 years.</li> <li>2. The income of £ 8 from immovable property or from mercantile firm, or the payment of a rent of £ 4, or independently of the said qualifications, competency to serve as a Juror.</li> <li>3. Good character and reputation.</li> <li>4. Competent knowledge of the English or Italian language.</li> </ol>	<p>Division of Malta } Division of Gozo }</p>	<p>Eight viz. Seven for Malta and One for Gozo and Comino</p>	<p>For Malta 2,181 For Gozo and Comino 323</p>

## FRANCHISE.

Ordinary Duration of Sessions and Assemblies and Period of Meetings	By what Acts regulated	Number of Voters at last GENERAL Election	Date of last GENERAL Election	Remarks
<p>No Session can be extended beyond 5 years.</p> <p>The average period during which the meetings are from time to time held, is 6 months in each year.</p>	<p>Letters patent dated May 11, 1849</p> <p>Proclamation dated June 23, 1849</p> <p>Letters patent dated September 24, 1856</p> <p>Supplementary Letters patent dated April 17, 1857</p> <p>Letters patent dated July 30, 1857</p> <p>Letters patent dated February 22, 1858</p> <p>Additional Instructions dated March 10, 1859</p> <p>Order of the Queen in Council dated March 9, 1865</p> <p>Supplementary Letters patent dated April 29, 1870</p> <p>Letters patent dated June 25, 1878</p>	<p>Malta 1,776</p> <p>Gozo and Comino 271</p>	<p>Dec. 10, 1875</p>	

MODE OF ELECTION, *Vide Ordinance No. 1 of 1861.*

A list, subject to revision, of persons deemed qualified to vote for the election of Members to serve in the Council of Government is published in the Government Gazette. A Court of Revision composed of two Magistrates holds sittings to receive claims, consider objections &c., which must be made within 10 days of the date of the Government Notice notifying the Election. A rectified list of persons entitled to vote is then again published in the Gazette. The Head of the Government appoints by a Notice in the Government Gazette not less than three Commissioners to conduct the election. The said Commissioners prepare, and cause to be delivered to each elector, certificates declaring said elector entitled to vote. A Government Notice is published fixing the days and places of the election and appointing the Assistant Commissioners. On presentation at the appointed places of the said certificate by the elector therein mentioned, he is provided by the Assistant Commissioner with a ticket on which he writes the names of the persons for whom he votes.

At a GENERAL election for MALTA each elector has the right of naming four persons for whom he votes.

