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An Act for rendering more easy the taking the Poll at County Elections. [20th *August* 1836.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of His present Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to settle and determine the Divisions of Counties, and the Limits of Cities and Boroughs, in* England *and* Wales, *in so far as respects the Election of Members to serve in Parliament,* it is among other Things enacted, that the Poll for the Election of Knights of the Shire shall be taken at such Places as in a certain Schedule to the said Act annexed marked (N.) are mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that Provision should be made for increasing the Number of such Polling Places: Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, from Time to Time hereafter, on Petition from the Justices of any County, Riding, Parts, or Division in *England* or *Wales*, in Quarter Sessions assembled, representing that the Number of Polling Places for such County, Riding, Parts, or Division is insufficient, and praying that the Place or Places mentioned in the said Petition may be a Polling Place or Polling Places for the County, Riding, Parts, or Division of the County within which such Place or Places is or are situate, to declare that any Place or Places mentioned in the said Petition shall be a Polling

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Additional Polling Places may be appointed upon Petition from Justices in Quarter Sessions assembled.

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Place or Polling Places for that County, Riding, Parts, or Division, and that the Justices of the Peace for such County, Riding, Parts, or Division in Quarter Sessions or some Special Sessions assembled, as in the said Act mentioned, shall conformably to the said Act divide such County, Riding, Parts, or Division into convenient Polling Districts, and assign one of such Districts to each Polling Place; and every such Direction or Order for creating additional Polling Places shall be certified under the Hand of One of the Clerks in Ordinary of His Majesty's Privy Council, and when so certified shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and shall be of the same Force and Effect as if the same had been made by the Authority of Parliament.

Notices to be given previous to any Petition being made.

II. And be it further enacted, That no such Petition as aforesaid shall be made by such Justices so assembled unless a Notice in Writing shall have been delivered, One Month at the least before the holding of such Quarter Sessions, to the Clerk of the Peace of the County, Riding, Part, or Division wherein the same are held, signed by Two Justices of the Peace for such County, Riding, Part, or Division, and residing therein, or by Ten Inhabitants being registered Voters for such County, Riding, Part, or Division, which Notice shall state that the Court will, when such Sessions are held, be moved to make such Petition, nor unless the Clerk of the Peace shall, Ten Days at the least before the holding of such Sessions, have caused a Copy of such Notice to be inserted twice at the least in Two of the Newspapers of such County, Riding, Part, or Division, if Two Newspapers are published therein, or if not, in a Newspaper published or commonly circulated therein, together with a Notice of the Day upon which such Quarter Sessions will be held: Provided always, that when such Motion is made, any Person objecting to the same shall be heard by such Court against the same or any Part thereof, if he thinks fit.

As to the Number of Polling Booths to be provided.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That at every contested Election of a Knight or Knights to serve in any future Parliament for any County, or for any Riding, Parts, or Division of a County, as many Polling Booths shall be provided at each Polling Place as will allow One for every Four hundred and fifty Electors whose Names appear upon the Registry of the said County or Division of a County, and who may lawfully vote at such Polling Place; and the High Sheriff shall provide the same accordingly.

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