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Cap. i.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King* George *the First, for regulating Elections within the City of* London, *and for preserving the Peace, good Order, and Government of the said City.* [5th *April* 1867.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of King* George *the First, for regulating Elections within the City of* London, *and for preserving the Peace, good Order, and Government of the said City*, no Person can vote at any Election for Alderman or Common Councilman or Ward Officer of the said City unless he is a Freeman of the City, and also registered in the Register of Voters for the said City in use at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament, and in force at the Time of such Election: And whereas it is expedient that the Right of voting in the Election of Aldermen, and Common Councilmen, and

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Ward Officers for the several Wards of the said City should be extended and enlarged, and that the said recited Act should be altered and amended: And whereas the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

Short Title.

1. This Act may for all Purposes be cited as "The City of *London* Municipal Elections Amendment Act, 1867."

Right of voting for Aldermen, Common Councilmen, and Ward Officers extended to all Persons rated at 10*l.* per Annum.

2. At every Election for Alderman or Common Councilman or Ward Officer for any Ward in the said City every Male Person of full Age, not subject to any legal Incapacity, who shall for a Period of not less than Twelve Months previous to the First Day of *December* in any Year have been in the Occupation within the said City or the Liberties thereof, either solely, or jointly with any other Person or Persons, of any House, Warehouse, Counting House, Office, Chambers, or Shop, or other Building, and shall, in the Case of a sole Occupation, be rated in respect of such Premises in his own Name to an Amount not less than Ten Pounds *per Annum*, or in the Case of a joint Occupation be rated in the joint Names of the Occupiers to an Amount which, when divided by the Number of Occupiers, will give a Sum of not less than Ten Pounds *per Annum* for each of such Occupiers, to the Police or any other Rate, subject to the Provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to vote in any such Election for Alderman or Common Councilman or Ward Officer in the Ward in which such Premises shall be situate.

Right of voting, &c. extended to all Occupiers on the Register of Voters for Members of Parliament.

3. At every such Election every Person on the Register of Voters for the City of *London* in use at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament, and then in force, in respect of the Occupation of any House, Warehouse, Counting House, Shop, Office, Chambers, or other Building, subject to the Provisions herein-after contained, shall be entitled to vote in any such Election for Alderman or Common Councilman or Ward Officer in the Ward in which such Premises shall be situate.

Right of voting, &c. extended to all Persons who would be entitled to be on the

4. At every such Election every Person who, if he had resided within the City of *London* or the Liberties thereof, or within any Distance therefrom prescribed by Law, would have been entitled to be on the Register of Voters for the City of *London* in use at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament in respect of the Occupation of any House, Warehouse, Counting House, Office, Chambers,

Chambers, Shop, or other Building, but who may be excluded from such Register by Non-residence, shall, subject to the Provisions herein-after contained, be entitled to vote in every such Election for Alderman or Common Councilman or Ward Officer in the Ward in which the Premises for which he would have been so entitled to be on the Register shall be situate. Register of Voters as Occupiers if resident.

5. The Third Section of the recited Act Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-four, shall be amended as follows: On the Third Day of *December* in every Year, unless such Day shall fall on a *Sunday*, then on the following *Monday*, the Alderman and Common Councilmen of each Ward shall cause to be made out an alphabetical List of all Persons who shall be entitled to vote under this Act, such List to be duly signed by the Alderman of the Ward; and the Ward Clerks shall keep a true Copy of such List, to be perused by any Person, without Payment of any Fee, at all reasonable Hours between the Fifth and Fifteenth Day of *December* in every Year, and shall at all Times deliver a printed Copy of such List to any Person requiring the same, on Payment of a Sum not exceeding One Shilling for each Copy, and the said List shall be the List of Persons entitled to vote after the passing of this Act at any Election for Alderman or Common Councilman or Ward Officer for any Ward, until the Third Day of *December* in the then next Year, and shall be conclusive as to the Person so entitled. An alphabetical List of Voters to be made out in December of every Year, and to be open to Inspection.

6. Instead of the Declaration required by the said last-mentioned Act to be made by any Person before he is admitted to poll at any Election of Alderman or Common Councilman or Ward Officer, every Person, before he is so permitted to poll at any such Election, shall make the following Declaration: Declaration to be made by Voters.

'I do declare that I am an Occupier of Premises in the Ward of , and that I have not polled before at this Election, and that I am on the List of Voters entitled to vote for the Ward of .'

And if any Person shall refuse or neglect to make the Declaration hereby appointed to be made, then and in every such Case the Poll or Vote of such Person so neglecting or refusing shall be null and void, and shall be rejected and disallowed.

7. If any Person making any such Declaration shall wilfully, corruptly, and falsely declare any Matter or Thing which, if the same had been sworn, would have amounted to wilful and corrupt Perjury, every such Person so offending shall incur and be subject to the same Penalties and Forfeitures as by the Laws are or may be provided against Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury. Penalty on Persons making false Declaration.

Expenses of Act.

8. All the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Corporation of the City of *London*.

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