Reign and Chapter.	Title.
13 & 14 Vict. c. 101.	An Act the title of which begins with the words "An Act to continue" and ends with the words "Relief of the Poor." In part; namely,— Title from "to continue" to "Fund; and." The words "And be it enacted, that" wherever they occur. Section four, to "enacted, that." Section eleven, the word "that" before "all the."
13 & 14 Vict. c. 105.	An Act for facilitating the Union of Liberties with the Counties in which they are situate. In part; namely,— Preamble and section one, to "same that." The words "And be it enacted, that" wherever they occur, except in section ten. Section ten, the words "and be it enacted."
13 & 14 Vict. c. 114.	An Act to repeal the Stamp Duties on Proceedings in the Courts of Law in Ireland, and to grant certain other Stamp Duties in lieu thereof. In part; namely,— Preamble. Section one, to "same, that," the words "her heirs and successors," and the word "that." Section two, to "enacted, that," and the word "that" before "the several." Section three, to "of this Act." Section four, to "and fifty."

CHAPTER 68.

An Act to alter the Date of holding County Council Elections, and to remove Doubts respecting the Holding of such Elections. [5th August 1891.]

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:

Change of date of elections.

1.—(1.) The ordinary day of election of county councillors in each county shall be such day between the first and eighth day of March as the county council may fix, and, if no date is so fixed, shall be the eighth day of March.

(2.) The ordinary day of retirement of county councillors shall be the eighth day of March in every third year, and on that day the county councillors then in office shall retire together, and their places shall be filled by the newly-elected councillors, who shall come into office on that day.

(3.) The sixteenth day of March or such other day within ten days after the ordinary day of retirement of county councillors as the council of any county may from time to time fix for that county, shall, in substitution for the ninth day of November, be the

ordinary day of election of the chairman, and of the aldermen, and the day for holding a quarterly meeting, and if the county council fix any hour for the quarterly meeting, that hour shall be substituted for the hour specified in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

45 & 46 Vict. c. 50.

(4.) All periods which, in the enactments of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, are computed by reference to the first or ninth day of November shall, so far as those enactments apply to county councils, be computed by reference to such of the above-mentioned days then next following as the case requires.

The ordinary day of election of councillors shall be fixed by the county council not less than six weeks before the ordinary day of retirement of county councillors.

Nothing shall authorise or require a returning officer to hold an election of a county councillor to fill a casual vacancy which occurs within six months before the ordinary day of retirement of county councillors.

County registers.

2.—(1.) The county register shall be completed before the twentieth day of December in every year and come into operation on the next first day of January.

(2.) The burgess lists forming the burgess roll, which comes into operation on the first day of November in every year, shall on and after that day until the next first day of January form part of the county register in substitution for the former burgess lists.

Removal of doubts and amendment as to election of county councillors in boroughs.

3. For the purpose of the election of county councillors for any electoral division which is co-extensive with, or wholly comprised in, a municipal borough, the following provisions shall have effect:—

(*a.*) The mayor of the borough, or some person appointed by him, or, if the mayor is dead or absent or otherwise incapable of acting, an alderman appointed by the council of the borough, shall be the returning officer, and so far as respects such election shall follow the instructions of, and return the names of the persons elected to, the county returning officer:

51 & 52 Vict. c. 41.

(*b.*) Nothing in section seventy-five of the Local Government Act, 1888, substituting the returning officer or his deputy for the town clerk, shall extend to any such election.

Transitory provisions.

4. The chairmen and vice-chairmen of county councils, and the deputy chairman of the London County Council, county aldermen, and county councillors, and committees (including the members of a joint committee appointed by a county council) whose term of office would but for this Act expire on the ordinary day of election in November next after the passing of this Act, shall go out of office on the next following ordinary day of election or retirement (as the case may be) fixed by this Act, and their term of office shall be extended accordingly; but nothing shall authorise or require the returning officer to hold an election of a county councillor to fill a casual vacancy at any time before the ordinary day of election next after the passing of this Act, and the aldermen whose term of office would, but for this Act, expire at the end of three years after the November next after the passing of this Act shall go out of office on the ordinary day of election next following the end of those years, and their term of office shall be extended accordingly.

Amendment of 45 & 46 Vict. c. 50; ss. 34, 35, and 51 & 52 Vict. c. 41. s. 75.

5. The declaration required under sections thirty-four and thirty-five of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, to be made by a person elected to a corporate office in a county may be made at any time within three months after notice of the election, and such declaration may be made either in the manner prescribed by the Local Government Act, 1888, or before any justice of the peace or commissioner to administer oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature.

Returning officer not disqualified for membership of county council.

6. It is hereby declared that a person shall not be disqualified, nor be deemed ever to have been disqualified, under section twelve of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, for being a member of a county council by reason only of his being appointed returning officer by that council, except where he has directly or indirectly by himself or his partner received any profit or remuneration in respect of such appointment.

Repeal.

7. The Act specified in the Schedule to this Act is hereby repealed to the extent in the third column of that schedule mentioned.

Short title and construction.

8. This Act may be cited as the County Councils (Elections) Act, 1891, and shall be construed as one with the Local Government Act, 1888.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Session and Chapter.	Title or Short Title.	Extent of Repeal.
51 & 52 Vict. c. 41.	The Local Government Act, 1888.	Section seventy-five, from "In "a year in which" to "be "conducted together," being sub-section one; from "In "a borough the returning "officer" down to "construed to refer to the town clerk," being sub-section six; and from "The period between" down to "returning officer may fix," being sub-section nine; and from "The seventh of November" to "quarterly "meeting of the county "council," being sub-section thirteen; and from "shall authorise or require" to "such electoral division or," being paragraph (*d*) of sub-section sixteen.