CHAPTER 34.

An Act to extend the Hours of Polling at Parliamentary and Municipal Elections in certain Boroughs.

[28th July 1884.]

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:

Hours of polling in boroughs with more than three thousand electors. 31 & 32 Vict. c. 125.

1. (1.) At every parliamentary or municipal election to which this Act applies the poll (if any) shall commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon and be kept open until eight o'clock in the afternoon of the same day and no longer.

(2.) A parliamentary election to which this Act applies shall be an election of a member or members to serve in Parliament for any parliamentary borough within the meaning of this Act which has, for the time being, as appears from the number of names entered in the register of electors for the time being in operation in such borough, a number of registered electors exceeding three thousand.

(3.) A municipal election to which this Act applies shall be an election of a councillor, commissioner of police, auditor, or revising assessor in any municipal borough within the meaning of this Act or in any ward thereof, where the whole or part of the area of such borough is co-extensive with, or included in the area of a parliamentary borough with such number of registered electors as above in this section mentioned.

Definitions.

2. In this Act—

The expression "parliamentary borough" means any city, borough, place, or combination of places (not being a county at large or division of a county at large, or university or universities) which returns a member or members to serve in Parliament; and

45 & 46 Vict. c. 50.

The expression "municipal borough" means, as regards England, a borough subject to the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and as regards Scotland, means a burgh or town which has a town council or police commissioners, and as regards Ireland means a borough subject to the Act of the session of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and eight, intituled "An Act for the regulation of "municipal Corporations in Ireland" and the Acts amending the same:

The word "councillor" shall, in Ireland, be taken to include alderman.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Elections (Hours of Poll) Act, 1884.