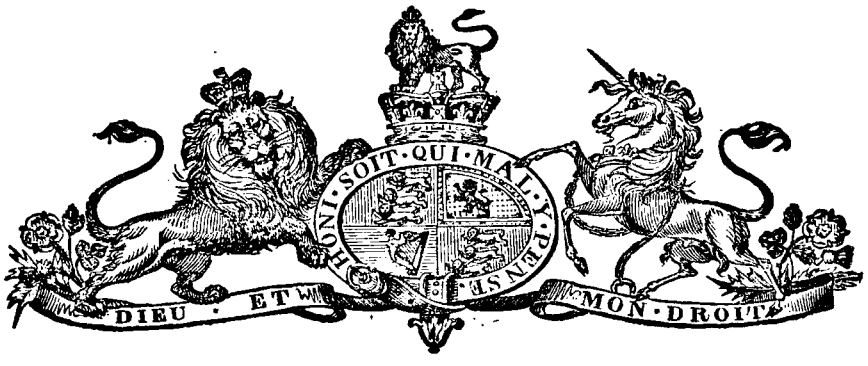


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CAP. XCII.

An Act to limit the Time for proceeding to Elections in Counties and Boroughs in *Ireland*.

[7th *August* 1862.]

WHEREAS by the Fifth Section of the Act of the First *George* the Fourth, Chapter Eleven, it is provided that immediately after the Receipt of the Writ for making an Election for any County in *Ireland* the Sheriff of such County shall endorse thereon the Date of receiving the same, and that such Sheriff shall, within Two Days after the Receipt of such Writ, cause Proclamation of the Time and Place of holding such Election to be made at the Place where the ensuing Election ought by Law to be holden, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock of the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, and that the said Sheriff on the same Day shall cause to be affixed on the Doors of the County Court House Public Notice, signed by himself, of a Special County Court to be there holden for the Purpose of such Election only, and which shall be holden on some Day (*Sunday*, *Christmas Day*, and *Good Friday* excepted) not later from the Day of making such Proclamation and affixing such Notice than the Sixteenth Day, nor sooner than the Tenth Day: And whereas it is expedient to limit the Time for proceeding to such Elections: Be it therefore enacted by

1 G. 4. c. 11. s. 5.

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:

Elections in Counties in Ireland to be not later than Twelfth nor sooner than Sixth Day from Day of Proclamation.

1. From and after the passing of this Act any such Special County Court for the Purpose of the Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any County in *Ireland* shall be holden on any Day (*Sunday*, *Good Friday*, and *Christmas Day* excepted) not later from the Day of making such Proclamation than the Twelfth Day, nor sooner than the Sixth Day; provided that this Section shall not apply to the Election for any County of a City or of a Town.

9 & 10 Vict. c. 30. repealed.

Elections in Cities, &c. to be within Six Days after Receipt of Writ or Precept, giving Three clear Days Notice.

2. From and after the passing of this Act the Act of the Ninth and Tenth *Victoria*, Chapter Thirty, defining the Notice of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for Cities, Towns, or Boroughs in *Ireland*, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and in every City or Town in *Ireland*, being a County of itself, and in every Borough in *Ireland*, returning or contributing to return a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, the Sheriff or other Officer to whom the Duty of giving such Notice belongs shall proceed to Election within Six Days after the Receipt of the Writ or Precept, giving Three clear Days Notice at least of the Day appointed for the Election, exclusive of the Day of Proclamation and the Day of Election.

Sheriff to be Returning Officer in Boroughs where the Office of Returning Officer shall be vacant.

3. Every Writ for making any Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any City, Town, or Borough in *Ireland* shall be directed to the Returning Officer of the said City, Town, or Borough, or his Deputy, and in their Absence to the Sheriff of the County in which the said City, Town, or Borough is situate; and in all Cases whatever whenever there shall be, either from temporary Vacancy or from some other Cause, no Person duly qualified in any such City, Town, or Borough to perform the Duties of a Returning Officer for the same, the Sheriff of the County in which such City, Town, or Borough is situate shall be charged with the Execution of the said Writ, and shall execute the same, and in all respects perform the Duties of and incidental to the Office of Returning Officer: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the said Sheriff to receive or execute the Writ except when there shall be no Person within the said City, Town, or Borough legally qualified and competent as Returning Officer to execute the same.

Writs, &c. to be conformable to this Act.

4. All Writs for the Election of any Member or Members to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, or Borough in *Ireland* issued after the Commencement of this Act, and all Mandates, Precepts, Instruments, Proceedings, and Notices consequent upon such

such Writs, shall be and the same are hereby authorized to be framed and expressed in such Manner and Form as may be necessary for carrying the Provisions of this Act into effect.

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