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An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Appointment of Vice Guardians of Unions in *Ireland*. [9th *March* 1849.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor in* Ireland, (1 & 2 Vict. c. 56.) and by a further Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act to make further Provision for the Relief of the destitute Poor in* Ireland, (10 & 11 Vict. c. 31.) the Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *Ireland* are authorized and empowered, in certain Cases in the said Acts specified, to dissolve the Board of Guardians of any Union in *Ireland*, and in lieu thereof to appoint paid Officers to carry into execution the Provisions of the said Acts; and it is by the said Acts further provided, that such paid Officers when appointed shall, unless the Commissioners shall sooner revoke or determine their Appointment, hold their Offices for the Time of One Year from the Date of their Appointment, and thenceforth till the Time of the next Election of Guardians for such Union, and no longer: And whereas the said Commissioners did, before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* which was

in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, dissolve the Boards of Guardians of certain Unions in *Ireland*, and did before the said Day in the said Year appoint paid Officers to carry into execution the Provisions of the said Acts in each of the said Unions respectively, and the Powers of the said paid Officers, or their Successors, as the Case may be, will under the Provisions of the said Acts cease and determine on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, in this present Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine: And whereas it is expedient that in certain of the said Unions the paid Officers so appointed as aforesaid, or their Successors, as the Case may be, should continue in Office for a Period subsequent to the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, as herein-after is provided, and that the Re-election of a Board of Guardians in each of the said last-mentioned Unions should be postponed for such further Period: Be it therefore 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, That in all Cases in which the Board of Guardians of any Union in *Ireland* shall have been dissolved, and paid Officers shall have been appointed to carry into execution the Provisions of the said Acts, before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* which was in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, by an Order under their Seal, to direct the Continuance in Office of the said paid Officers or of their Successors, as the Case may be, until the First Day of *November* in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and on the Issue of such Order in the Case of any Union or Unions the paid Officers of each such Union or their Successors, as the Case may be, shall continue in Office until the said First Day of *November* in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, unless their Appointment be sooner revoked and determined by the said Commissioners, and no longer, and shall have all the same Powers and Authorities as are given to such paid Officers during their Continuance in Office under the Provisions of the said Acts, anything in the said Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

In Cases in which Boards of Guardians have been dissolved, and paid Officers appointed, Commissioners empowered to continue them for a certain Time.

II. And be it enacted, That no Election of Guardians of any Union in regard to which any such Order under Seal of the said Commissioners shall have been issued shall take place at the annual Period for the general Election of Guardians in the said first-recited Act provided, that is to say, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, or in Fourteen Days thereafter, and that all Notices of such Election, and all other Proceedings therein, shall on the Issue of such Order under Seal

As to Elections of Guardians in certain Cases.

Seal of the said Commissioners be abated and discontinued, and be of no Validity or Effect whatever; but in all Cases in which the Commissioners shall not issue such Order under their Seal the annual Election of Guardians shall take place, and the Powers of the paid Officers shall cease and determine, as in the above-recited Acts is provided, that is to say, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Commissioners may discontinue paid Officers in certain Cases.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners at all Times, in any Case in which the Board of Guardians of a Union shall have been heretofore or shall be at any Time hereafter dissolved, and in which paid Officers shall have been or shall be appointed as aforesaid, to issue an Order under their Seal directing the Discontinuance in Office of such paid Officers, and the Re-election of a Board of Guardians, and on the Issue of such Order under the Seal of said Commissioners such Election of a Board of Guardians shall take place according to the Directions of the said Commissioners, and all the Powers and Authorities of such paid Officers shall cease and determine at the Time fixed for that Purpose in the Order of the said Commissioners; provided that in the Case of any Union the Board of Guardians of which shall have been dissolved, and in which paid Officers shall have been appointed as aforesaid, before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* which was in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the said Commissioners shall by Order under their Seal direct such Election of Guardians to take place, and shall direct the Discontinuance of such paid Officers to take effect on some Day not later than the First Day of *November* in the present Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Act may be amended,&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed in the present Session of Parliament.

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