CHAP. 18.

An Act to amend the Law disqualifying Attorneys, Solicitors, and Proctors in practice from being Justices of the Peace for counties. [25th May 1871.]

A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law which declares attorneys, solicitors, and proctors in practice to be incapable of becoming justices of the peace for counties:

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, as follows:

Repeal of the disqualification of attorneys, solicitors, and proctors from being justices of the peace for counties.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, section thirty-three of the Act of the session holden in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty, chapter seventy-three, and so much as remains in force of section two of chapter eighteen of an Act of the fifth year of His late Majesty King George the Second, are hereby respectively repealed; but no person shall be capable of becoming or being a justice of the peace for any county in England or Wales (not being a county of a city or county of a town) in which he shall practise and carry on the profession or business of an attorney, solicitor, or proctor; and where any person practises and carries on such profession or business in any city or town being a county of itself, he shall, for the purpose of this Act, be deemed to carry on the same in the county within which such city or town or any part thereof is situate.

Interpretation of "county."

2. For the purpose of this Act a person shall be deemed to practise and carry on his profession or business in the county, city, or town in which he maintains an office or place of business; and the word "county" shall mean and include a riding or division of a county having a separate commission of the peace.

Not to affect coroners.

3. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect coroners.

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