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CAP. CXXVII.

An Act to ſhorten the Time now required for giving Notice of the Royal Intention of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, that the Parliament ſhall meet and be holden for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs; and more effectually to provide for the Meeting of Parliament in the Caſe of a Demiſe of the Crown.

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WHEREAS it is expedient to ſhorten the Time now required for giving Notice of the Royal Intention of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, that the Parliament ſhall meet and be holden for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs; be it therefore enacted by the King'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 whenever His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhall be pleaſed, by and with the Advice of the Privy Council of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, to iſſue His or Their Royal Proclamation, giving Notice of His or Their Royal Intention that Parliament ſhall meet and be holden for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs on any Day being not leſs than Fourteen Days from the Date of ſuch Proclamation, the ſame ſhall be a full and ſufficient Notice to all Perſons whatever of ſuch the Royal Intention of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and the Parliament ſhall thereby ſtand prorogued to the Day and Place therein declared, notwithſtanding any previous Prorogation of the Parliament to any longer Day, and notwithſtanding any former Law, Uſage, or Practice to the contrary.

Preamble.

His Majeſty may iſſue His Proclamation for the meeting of Parliament in not leſs than 14 Days from the Date.

6 *Annæ*, Cap. 7, in Part recited, and ſuch Part repealed.

II. And whereas by an Act, made in the Sixth Year of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for the Security of Her Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and of the Succeſſion to the Crown of* Great Britain *in the Proteſtant Line*; it is amongſt other Things enacted, That in caſe there is no Parliament in being at the Time of the Demiſe of Her ſaid Majeſty, Her Heirs or Succeſſors, that hath met and ſat, then the laſt preceding Parliament ſhall immediately convene and ſit at *Weſtminſter*, and be a Parliament to continue as therein mentioned, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame Parliament had never been diſſolved, but ſubject to be prorogued and diſſolved as therein provided: And whereas great Inconvenience may ariſe from the ſaid Proviſion, be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That ſo much of the ſaid Act as is herein-before recited, ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed.

Authority for holding a Parliament in caſe of the Demiſe of the King between the Diſſolution of a Parliament and the aſſembling of a new one;

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe of the Demiſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſubſequent to the Diſſolution or Expiration of a Parliament, and before the Day appointed by the Writs of Summons for aſſembling a new Parliament, then, and in ſuch Caſe, the laſt preceding Parliament ſhall immediately convene and ſit at *Weſtminſter*, and be a Parliament, to continue for and during the Space of Six Months, and no longer, to all Intents and Purpoſes as if the ſame Parliament had not been diſſolved or expired, but ſubject to be ſooner prorogued or diſſolved by the Perſon to whom the Crown of this Realm of *Great Britain* ſhall come, remain, and be, according to the Acts for limiting and ſettling the Succeſſion to the ſame.

and alſo in caſe of the Demiſe of a Succeſſor to the Crown within Six Months after His Succeſſion, without His having diſſolved the Parliament, or after the ſame ſhall have been diſſolved, and before a new one ſhall have met;

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe of the Demiſe of any ſuch His Majeſty's Heir or Succeſſor within the ſaid Period of Six Months, limited for the Duration of the ſaid laſt preceding Parliament, and before the ſame ſhall have been diſſolved by ſuch His Majeſty's Heir or Succeſſor, or after the ſame ſhall have been ſo diſſolved, and before a new Parliament ſhall have met in the Manner herein-after provided, then, and in every ſuch Caſe, the ſaid laſt preceding Parliament ſhall immediately convene and ſit, and continue to be a Parliament, to all Intents and Purpoſes, for and during Six Months longer, to be computed from and immediately after ſuch laſt mentioned Demiſe, but ſubject to be ſooner prorogued or diſſolved by the Perſon who ſhall then ſucceed as aforeſaid to the Crown of this Realm of *Great Britain*, and ſo as often as any ſuch Demiſe ſhall happen before a new Parliament ſhall have met in Manner herein-after provided.

or in caſe of the Demiſe of His Majeſty on the Day appointed for calling a new Parliament, or any Day after and before its Meeting.

V. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That in caſe of the Demiſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, on the Day appointed by the Writs of Summons for calling and aſſembling a new Parliament, or at any Time after ſuch Day ſo appointed, and before ſuch new Parliament ſhall have met and ſat, ſuch new Parliament ſhall, immediately after ſuch Demiſe, convene and ſit at *Weſtminſter*, and be a Parliament, to all Intents and Purpoſes, to continue for and during the Term of Six Months, and no longer, but ſubject to be ſooner prorogued or diſſolved as aforeſaid.

FINIS.