

CHAP. 67.

An Act to amend the Municipal Corporation Act of 1859, with respect to the division of Boroughs into Wards. A.D. 1871.

[14th August 1871.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the law relating to municipal elections in England and Wales, so far as regards the division of certain boroughs into wards, should be amended:

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:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1859, Amendment Act." Short title.

2. Section four of "The Municipal Corporation Act, 1859," is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof be it enacted as follows: Provision for representation of new and altered wards in Municipal Boroughs.

On the division of any borough into wards, the revising barrister shall apportion all the councillors for such borough amongst the wards into which it shall have been so divided; and in case of the alteration of the number and boundaries of the wards of any borough already divided into wards, the revising barrister shall apportion the councillors for the wards so altered amongst the new wards in such manner as to provide, so far as may be practicable, for such councillors continuing to represent as large a number as possible of their former constituents; and every councillor for the borough so divided, or for the wards so altered, as the case may be, shall hold his office in the ward to which he may be assigned by the revising barrister for the same time that he would have held it had the said borough or wards remained undivided or unaltered.

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