CHAPTER 34.

An Act to enable Municipal Corporations in Ireland to apply municipal funds in the promotion of Local Bills in Parliament. [13th August 1888.]

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may for all purposes be cited as the Municipal Local Bills (Ireland) Act, 1888.

Costs of promoting Bills in Parliament to be charged on municipal funds.

2. When, in the judgment of a municipal corporation in Ireland, it is expedient for such corporation to promote any local or personal Bill or Bills in Parliament, for the purpose only of consolidating existing debts, and of creating new stock within the limits of existing borrowing powers, or of borrowing powers hereafter conferred by Parliament, it shall be lawful for such corporation to apply the borough fund, borough rate, or other the public funds or rates under the control of such corporation to the payment of the costs and expenses attending the same; and when there are several funds or rates under the control of the corporation, such corporation shall determine out of which fund or funds, rate or rates, such expense shall be payable, and in what proportions.

No payment to member of corporation to be so charged.

3. No payment to any member of a municipal corporation for acting as counsel or agent in promoting any such Bill shall be charged as aforesaid.

Costs of promoting Bills to require sanction of special meetings.

4. No expense in promoting any Bill or Bills in Parliament shall be so charged as aforesaid, unless incurred in pursuance of a resolution of an absolute majority of the whole number of the corporation at a meeting of the corporation after ten clear days notice by public advertisement of such meeting and of the purpose thereof in some local newspaper published or circulating in the municipal borough, such notice to be in addition to the ordinary notices required for summoning such meeting, nor unless such resolution shall have been published twice in some newspaper or newspapers circulating in the municipal borough, and no further expense shall be incurred or charged as aforesaid after the deposit of the Bill, unless the propriety of such promotion shall be confirmed by such absolute majority at a further special meeting of the corporation to be held in pursuance of a similar notice not less than fourteen days after the deposit of the Bill in Parliament.

Saving.

5. Nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to alter or affect any special provision which is or shall be contained in any other Act for the payment of the costs, charges, and expenses intended to be provided for by this Act, or to take away or diminish any rights or powers now possessed or enjoyed by any municipal corporation, or which are or shall be vested in or exerciseable by the inhabitants of any municipal borough, under general or special Act.