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CHAPTER 100.

An Act to amend the Parliament Act, 1911, in connection with the present Parliament, and to suspend further the machinery for the registration of Electors. A.D. 1916.

[27th January 1916.]

BE it 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, as follows:

Amendment of Parliament Act in connection with the present Parliament. 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 13.

1.—(1) Section seven of the Parliament Act, 1911, shall, in its application to the present Parliament, have effect as if five years and eight months were substituted for five years.

(2) Section two of the Parliament Act, 1911, shall, in relation to any public Bill passed by the House of Commons after the passing of this Act and during the continuance of the present Parliament, have effect as if the session ended in September nineteen hundred and fourteen and the session in which the Bill is so passed were successive sessions.

Suspension of registration machinery. 5 & 6 Geo. 5. c. 76.

2. (1) The parliamentary and local government register of electors, and any register based on the same, in force at the passing of this Act, shall remain in force until Parliament provides for the substitution of any special registers or otherwise directs; and the words "but in no case after the thirty-" first day of December, nineteen hundred and sixteen," in section three of the Elections and Registration Act, 1915, are hereby repealed.

(2) Until Parliament provides for the preparation of special registers or otherwise directs, no steps shall be taken in connection with the preparation of a new parliamentary or local government register of electors or any new register based on the same, subject to any directions of the Local Government Board to the contrary as respects information of deaths or any other statistical information, and, subject to any such directions, the provisions of the Acts relating to registration of electors, so far as respects the preparation of new registers, shall not be carried into effect:

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17 & 18 Vict. c. 91.

Provided always that, where an assessor in Scotland is appointed under the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854, and subsequent enactments, and where, as part of his duties, the registers of electors are made up by him, nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the power of the appointing local authority to pay him any annual salary or emoluments under the terms of his appointment as assessor to which he would be entitled if this Act had not been passed, but such payments shall be taken into account in dealing with any claim for payment in connection with the preparation of any special registers required by Parliament in place of the ordinary registers.

(3) In the application of this section to Scotland, "the Secretary for Scotland" shall be substituted for "the Local Government Board," and "the County Council and Municipal Registers" shall be substituted for "the Local Government Register of Electors."

In the application of this section to Ireland, "the Local Government Board for Ireland" shall be substituted for "the Local Government Board."

Compensation to local officers in Ireland.

3. Where, by the operation of this Act, the Secretary of any county council, or any other local officer in Ireland, who has hitherto discharged the duties of preparing the parliamentary and local government register will, in the opinion of the Local Government Board for Ireland, suffer undue loss of income, that Board may, if they think fit, direct the payment, from the funds of the local authority concerned, of such sum by way of compensation for temporary loss of emoluments as they may deem fair and equitable, having regard to all the circumstances of each case. The decision of the Local Government Board in any such case shall be binding on the local authority concerned, and shall be final and conclusive for all purposes.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Parliament and Registration Act, 1916.

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