

ANNO PRIMO & SECUNDO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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CAP. LVIII.

An Act to regulate the Expences of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for *Ireland*.

[23d *June* 1821.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate the Expences of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for *Ireland*; 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 from and after the passing of this Act, no other Charges shall be made, for any thing performed or done in the Execution of any Writ or Precept for holding an Election in *Ireland*, besides the Charges set forth in the Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Charges to be made for Elections in Ireland but those inserted in Schedule (A.)

II. And be it further enacted, That no other Person, besides the Persons mentioned in the said Schedule, shall be entitled to receive any Fee or Reward for any thing performed or done in the Execution of any Writ or Precept for holding an Election, any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Persons but those mentioned in Schedule entitled to Fees.

III. And be it further enacted, That no Person to be hereafter elected to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Town, or Borough, shall, by himself, his Friends or Agents, or by any Person or Persons

No Rewards or Presents to be given to Returning Officers.

Persons employed in his behalf, directly or indirectly give any Fee or Reward of any kind, or make any Payment of Money by way of Compliment or Gratuity, or upon any account whatever, to any Sheriff, Under Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Returning Officer, or Deputy Returning Officer, Clerk of the Peace, or Deputy Clerk of the Peace; and that every such Person or Persons, who shall so give any Fee or Reward of any kind, or make any Payment of Money by way of Compliment or Gratuity, or upon any account whatever, to any Sheriff or Under Sheriff, Deputy, Deputy Sheriff, Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, Clerk of the Peace, or Deputy Clerk of the Peace, shall be and is and are hereby declared to be disabled and incapacitated to serve in Parliament upon such Election for such County, City, Town, or Borough.

Irish Act 35 G. 3. so far as limits the Number of Agents and Clerks to be employed at Elections repealed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That so much of an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland*, in the Thirty-fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for regulating the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and for repealing the several Acts therein mentioned*, as provides that no Candidate for any County shall employ at or for any Election for the said County, more hired Agents or hired Clerks, than after the Rate of One Agent and One Clerk for each Barony or Half Barony in said County, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Agents, &c. to be paid as in Schedule (B.)

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, no Candidate at an Election for any County, City, Town, or Borough, shall pay to any Barrister, Agent, Inspector, or Clerk, any Sum or Sums of Money, for his Attendance or Trouble at any such Election, which shall exceed the Sum or Sums set forth in the Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed.

No Rewards, &c. to be given to Agents, &c. above what is specified in Schedule.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any such Candidate shall give, by himself, his Friends or his Agents, or by any Person or Persons employed by him or them, any Sum or Sums of Money, Fee, retaining Fee, Office, Place or Employment, Gift or Reward, or any Promise or Security for any Money, Fee, retaining Fee, Office, Place, or Employment, to any Barrister, Agent, Inspector, or Clerk, for doing any thing of and concerning any Matter relating to any such Election, directly or indirectly, over and above the Sum or Sums set forth to be paid in the said Schedule to any Barrister, Agent, Inspector, or Clerk, he shall be and he is hereby declared to be disabled and incapacitated to serve in Parliament upon such Election for such County, City, Town, or Borough.

1 G. 4. c. 11. so far as relates to Grand Jury Presentments for reimbursing Returning Officers, repealed.

VII. And be it further enacted, That so much of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Polls, and for making further Provisions touching the Election of Members to serve in Parliament for* Ireland, as provides that it shall and may be lawful for the Grand Jury of any County, County of a Town, or County of a City, to present at the next Assizes after any Election for a County, City, or Borough, such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be necessary to reimburse the Person or Persons acting as Returning Officer or Officers at such Elections, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

VIII. And

VIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall cause any Candidate at an Election for any County, City, Town, or Borough, to be liable to the Payment of any Charge or Charges for the Expences attending the Execution of any Writ or Precept for holding an Election, to which he was not liable previous to the said Act of the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty; except for such additional Places of Polling, and additional Deputy Clerks of the Peace, and Deputy Assistant Clerks of the Peace, as are by the said Act required to be provided. Candidates not liable to Expence attending the Writ, &c.

SCHEDULE (A.)

CHARGES for executing a WRIT or PRECEPT for holding an Election.

	£	s.	d.
For providing each Place of Polling or Booth, for Commissioners, for administering Oaths of Qualification to Roman Catholics, such Place of Polling or Booth not being in a Public Building, a Sum not exceeding	15	0	0
Such Place of Polling or Booth being in a Public Building, a Sum not exceeding	7	10	0
For the Assessor to the Returning Officer, for attending the Election, and for the First Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding	50	0	0
For each subsequent Day's Attendance, a Sum not exceeding	11	7	6
For each Poll Clerk, for each Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding	1	2	9
For each Deputy Clerk of the Peace, for each Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding	0	10	0
For each Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Peace, for each Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding	0	5	0
For each Interpreter, for each Day's Attendance at a Poll which may be required, a Sum not exceeding	0	10	0
For each Constable (of whom not more than Two who are employed to attend a Place of Polling shall be paid), for each Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding	0	5	0
The said Allowances to cover all extra and incidental Expences belonging to each of the above-mentioned Persons.			
For all incidental Expences, such as Indentures, Stamps, Poll Books, Advertisements, Stationery, and all other Expences belonging to the Execution of a Writ or Precept for holding an Election, a Sum not exceeding the Rate of Three Pounds for each Place of Polling.			

SCHEDULE (B.)

PAYMENTS which a CANDIDATE may make at an Election to his Counsel, Agents, Inspectors, and Clerks.

	£	s.	d.
To one Barrister, as Counsel for attending the Election, and for the First Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding - -	50	0	0
For each subsequent Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding -	11	7	6
To one Conducting Agent, a Sum not exceeding - -	100	0	0
And an additional Sum to cover all Expences bonâ fide incurred for making up Books, and for other Expences necessary for taking a Poll.			
To every other Agent or Inspector, for the First Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding - - - - - -	6	16	6
For every subsequent Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding -	3	8	3
To each Cheque Clerk and other Clerk, for each Day's Polling, a Sum not exceeding - - - - - -	0	15	0
The said Allowances to cover all Expences for Lodging, Diet, and all other extra incidental Expences belonging to each of the above-mentioned Persons. (No Candidate to pay more than One Counsel, One Conducting Agent, One Inspector, and One Cheque Clerk, for each Place of Polling; One Agent for the Sheriff's Booth, Three Agents for preparing Tallies, and Two Clerks for the same Purpose, for each Barony or Half Barony.)			

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