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An Act to remove Doubts as to the Appointment of Overseers in Cities and Boroughs.

[22d *March* 1849.]

WHEREAS Doubts have been entertained as to the proper Authority for the Appointment of Overseers of the Poor of the Parishes comprised within certain Cities and Boroughs under the Provisions of the Act of the Forty-third Year of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, intituled *An Act for the Relief of the Poor*, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed: Be it therefore 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, That in every City, Town Corporate, or Borough the Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction therein shall have the exclusive Right of appointing the Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes, Townships, or other Places separately maintaining their own Poor, or of any Parts thereof, within the said Cities, Towns Corporate, and Boroughs respectively, in like Manner and with the same Effect as the Justices of any County now have in respect of the Overseers of the Poor of any

43 Eliz. c. 2.

Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction in certain Cities and Boroughs to have the exclusive Right of appointing Overseers.

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Parish within such County, and they are hereby required from Time to Time to make such Appointments accordingly.

Repeal of Part of the 43 Eliz. c. 2. s. 10.

II. And be it enacted, That so much of the said Act as renders the Mayor, Alderman, and head Officer of any City, Town, or Place Corporate liable, upon the Default of the Nomination of Overseers therein, to lose and forfeit for every such Default Five Pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Appointments of Overseers in Cities and Boroughs by Justices rendered valid.

III. And be it enacted, That the Appointments of any Overseers of the Poor in such Cities, Towns Corporate, or Boroughs heretofore made by Justices of the Peace therein, without the Concurrence of the Mayor or other head Officer thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be valid, and that every Rate or Assessment made or to be made, and every other Act and Thing done or to be done by any Overseers so appointed, shall, if otherwise lawful, be valid for all Purposes.

Saving of the City of London and Places under Local Acts.

IV. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That this Act shall not apply to the City of *London*, nor to any of the Parishes comprised therein, nor to the Appointment of the Overseers of any Parish, Township, or Place where such Appointment is regulated by the Provisions of any Local Act.

Act may be amended, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

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