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CHAPTER 56.

An Act to make temporary provision for rendering unnecessary the Re-election of Members of the House of Commons on Acceptance of Office. A.D. 1916.

[18th December 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:

Necessity for re-election of Ministers suspended.

1.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in any Act, a member of the House of Commons shall not vacate his seat by reason only of his acceptance, at any time during the months of December nineteen hundred and sixteen and January nineteen hundred and seventeen, of an office of profit, if that office is an office the holder of which is by law capable of being elected to, or sitting or voting in, that House.

(2) Where by virtue of this Act a member of the House of Commons does not vacate his seat by reason of his acceptance of any of the offices mentioned in Schedule H. of the Representation of the People Act, 1867, and Schedule H. of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868, and Schedule E. of the Representation of the People (Ireland) Act, 1868, as amended by any subsequent enactment, he shall, for the purposes of section fifty-two of the Representation of the People Act, 1867, section fifty-one of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868, and section eleven of the Representation of the People (Ireland) Act, 1868, be treated as if he had been returned as a member to serve in Parliament since the acceptance by him of such office.

30 & 31 Vict. c. 102.

31 & 32 Vict. cc. 48 & 49.

(3) This Act shall be deemed to have had effect as from the first day of December nineteen hundred and sixteen.

(4) This Act shall not apply to the acceptance of any of the offices mentioned in the Schedule to this Act.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Re-election of Ministers (No. 2) Act, 1916.

A.D. 1916.

SCHEDULE.

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