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CHAPTER 42.

An Act for amending the Law as to the appointment of Revising Barristers in England. [25th June 1886.]

A.D. 1886.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the judge authorised to appoint revising barristers on circuit under section twenty-eight of the Parliamentary Voters Registration Act, 1843, and the Acts amending the same, and it is expedient to remove such doubts, and also to amend the said Acts: 6 & 7 Vict. c. 18.

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, as follows:

Senior judge actually travelling to appoint revising barristers.

1. The senior judge named in the commission of assize for the counties within any circuit, who actually travels that circuit or any part thereof during the summer circuit in any year, or such other judge (if any) as may be arranged by the judges going the summer circuit, shall be the judge having power to appoint the barristers to revise the lists of voters for that year within such circuit in pursuance of section twenty-eight of the Parliamentary Voters Registration Act, 1843, and that section shall be construed accordingly.

(2.) Provided that if any judge having power to appoint revising barristers for any circuit, before he has appointed all or any of the barristers whom he is authorised to appoint, dies or becomes unable to appoint such barristers, the senior judge named in the said commission, who actually travels the remainder of the circuit, or such other judge (if any) as may be arranged by the judges going the summer circuit, shall be the judge having power to appoint such barristers so far as they have not been already appointed.

(3.) For the purposes of this section, but subject to any alterations of circuits hereafter made Birmingham shall be deemed to be part of the Midland Circuit, and the county of Surrey shall be deemed to be a circuit.

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Power to appoint additional barristers.

2. (1.) If at any time after the fifth day of September in any year it is made to appear to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State that the number of barristers appointed to revise the lists of voters for counties and boroughs on any circuit is insufficient, he shall signify such fact by notice under his hand to any judge of the High Court of Justice then sitting in chambers, and thereupon such judge shall appoint such number of duly qualified barristers as are specified in such notice to act in addition to the barristers originally appointed for such circuit, and a barrister so appointed shall have in all respects the same duties, powers, rights, and authorities as if he had been originally appointed.

(2.) There shall be paid to every additional barrister so appointed the sum of five guineas for every day that he is employed, together with three guineas each day for travelling and other expenses; and such barrister, after the termination of his last sitting, shall send to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury a statement of his appointment and a statement of the number of days during which he has been employed, and the said Commissioners shall pay the sum to the barrister out of moneys provided by Parliament, so, however, that he shall not receive from them more than two hundred guineas.

(3.) The Treasury shall lay before both Houses of Parliament within twenty days after the next meeting of Parliament, a statement of all appointments of additional barristers and of the sums paid to them.

(4.) Where any judge appoints barristers for counties and boroughs on any circuit, he shall appoint them to act for all the counties and boroughs for which he has power to appoint revising barristers; and each barrister, when acting for any county or borough, shall have in all respects the same duties, powers, rights, and authorities as if he had been appointed sole revising barrister for such county or borough.

(5.) For the purposes of this section the expression "circuit" includes Middlesex and the boroughs therein and the city of London, and the expression "judge" includes the Lord Chief Justice.

Short titles and construction.

3. The Act of the session of the sixth and seventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighteen, intituled "An Act "to amend the law for the registration of persons entitled to vote, "and to define certain rights of voting, and to regulate certain "proceedings in the election of members to serve in Parliament "for England and Wales," is in this Act referred to and may be cited as the Parliamentary Voters Registration Act, 1843.

This Act shall be construed as one with the Parliamentary Voters Registration Act, 1843, and that Act and this Act and the Registration Act, 1885, may be cited together as the Parliamentary Voters Registration Acts, 1843, 1885, and 1886, and this Act may be cited separately as the Revising Barristers Act, 1886. A.D. 1886.

4. This Act shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and no longer unless continued by Parliament. Continuance of Act.

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