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CAP. XXXI.

An Act to enable the Election of Officers of Corporations and other Public Companies now required to be held on the Lord's Day to be held on the *Saturday* next preceding, or on the *Monday* next ensuing. [24th *July* 1833.]

WHEREAS the Profanation of the Lord's Day is greatly increased by reason of certain Meetings which are usually or occasionally held thereon: And whereas it is the Duty of the Legislature to remove as much as possible Impediments to the due Observance of the Lord's Day; 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 every Meeting or adjourned Meeting of any Vestry or Corporation, whether Ecclesiastical or Civil, or of any public Company, for the Nomination, Election, Appointment, swearing in, or Admission of any Officer or Officers, or for the Transaction of any other secular Affair of such Vestry, Corporation, or Company, and every other Meeting of a public and secular Nature, which, according to any Act of Parliament, or according to any Charter, Grant, Constitution, Deed, Testament, Law, Prescription, or Usage whatsoever, is or shall be required to be held on any Lord's Day, or on any Day which shall happen to be on a Lord's Day, shall be held on the *Saturday* next preceding or on the *Monday* next ensusing, at the like Hour, with like

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like Form and Effect, as if the same had been held on such Lord's Day; and every Matter transacted at any such Meeting or adjourned Meeting held upon any Lord's Day shall be absolutely void and of none effect, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever: Provided always, that when no such Nomination, Election, Appointment, swearing in, or Admission shall have taken place on such *Saturday*, every Person whose Term of Office would, according to any such Act, Charter, Grant, Constitution, Deed, Testament, Law, Prescription, or Usage, have expired on any such Lord's Day, shall continue in Office, and exercise and enjoy all the Powers and Privileges annexed or relating to such Office, until and on such *Monday* next ensuing, in the same Manner as if such *Monday* had been the customary Day of Nomination, Election, Appointment, swearing in, or Admission.

If Election does not take place on the Saturday the Person holding the Office to continue until the so to do Monday.

II. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Nomination, Election, Appointment, swearing in, or Admission of any such Officer or Officers as before mentioned shall not take place on such *Saturday* or *Monday*, or shall become void, the Case shall be and is hereby declared to be within the Provisions of an Act made and passed in the Eleventh Year of His late Majesty King *George* the First, intituled *An Act for preventing the Inconveniences arising for Want of Elections of Mayors or other Chief Magistrates of Boroughs or Corporations being made upon the Days appointed by Charter or Usage for that Purpose, and directing in what Manner such Elections shall be afterwards made*, as fully and effectually as if such Officer or Officers had been expressly named in the said Act.

Elections not made on such Saturday or Monday shall be taken to be within the Provisions of 11 Geo. I. c. 4.

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