CHAPTER 35

An Act to validate the election to the Senate of Northern Ireland of Lieutenant Colonel Henry Sacheverell Carleton Richardson and the election to the House of Commons of Northern Ireland of Doctor Eileen Mary Hickey, The Right Honourable Sir William McCleery, Knight, Doctor Robert Samuel Nixon, and Captain The Right Honourable Sir Norman Stronge, Baronet, notwithstanding their holding certain offices; to indemnify the persons aforesaid from any penal consequences which they may have incurred by sitting and voting as members of the said Senate or House of Commons while holding those offices; and to indemnify the estate of the late Henry Fleming, Esquire, from any penal consequences which may have been incurred by him by sitting and voting as a member of the said Senate while holding a certain office.

[28th March, 1956]

BE it 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:—

Validation of elections and indemnity.

1.—(1) Lieutenant Colonel Henry Sacheverell Carleton Richardson shall be deemed not to have been incapable of being elected a member of the Senate of Northern Ireland, or to have been or to be incapable of sitting or voting as a member thereof, by reason only of his having at any time before the passing of this Act held office as member of the district advisory committee for the Enniskillen district constituted under section seventeen of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1945.

(2) Doctor Eileen Mary Hickey, The Right Honourable Sir William McCleery, Knight, Doctor Robert Samuel Nixon, and Captain The Right Honourable Sir Norman Stronge, Baronet shall be deemed not to have been incapable of being elected members of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland, or to have been or to be incapable of sitting or voting as members thereof, by reason only of having at any time before the passing of this Act held office—

(*a*) in the case of the said Doctor Eileen Mary Hickey, as member of an advisory committee for the Belfast area constituted under section thirty of the Unemployment Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, or section three of the National Assistance Act (Northern Ireland), 1948;

7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 15. 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 64.

(*b*) in the case of the said Sir William McCleery, as assessor under section ten of the Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1944, or section forty-three of the National Service Act, 1948;

(*c*) in the case of the said Doctor Robert Samuel Nixon, as appointed factory doctor, appointed for the Bangor district under section one hundred and thirty-two of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, as amended by section seven of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1949;

(*d*) in the case of the said Sir Norman Stronge, as chairman of the central advisory council for the employment of the disabled constituted under section seventeen of the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1945.

(3) The persons named in subsections (1) and (2) of this section shall be and are hereby discharged, freed and indemnified from all penal consequences whatsoever which may have been incurred by them respectively by sitting or voting as members of the Senate or House of Commons of Northern Ireland while holding office as therein mentioned.

(4) The estate of the late Henry Fleming, Esquire, shall be and is hereby discharged, freed and indemnified from all penal consequences whatsoever which may have been incurred by him by sitting or voting as a member of the Senate of Northern Ireland while holding office as a member of a Rents Tribunal constituted under section two of the Excessive Rents (Prevention) Act (Northern Ireland), 1941.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Validation of Elections (Northern Ireland) Act, 1956.

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