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CAP. LXXXIII.

An Act to explain so much of an Act, made in the Twenty-eighth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the further Regulation of the Trials of controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in Parliament*, as relates to the Time of presenting certain renewed Petitions, and taking the same into Consideration. [7th *July* 1794.]

Preamble. 28 Geo. III, Cap. 52.

WHEREAS, by an Act, passed in the Twenty-eighth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the further Regulation of the Trials of controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in Parliament*, it is enacted, That whenever any such Select Committee of the House of Commons, as is therein mentioned, shall have reported to the House their Judgement respecting the Right of Election of Members to serve in Parliament for any County, City, Borough, or Place, or of chusing, nominating, or appointing, the Returning Officer or Returning Officers, who is or are to make Return of such Election, it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons, at any Time within Twelve Calendar Months, after the Day on which such Report shall have been made to the House, or within Fourteen Days after the Day of the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament after that in which such Report shall have been made to the House, to petition the House

to be admitted as Parties to oppoſe the Right which has been deemed valid in the Judgement of ſuch Committee; and that when ſuch Petition ſhall be ſo preſented, a Day ſhall be appointed by the Houſe for taking the ſame into Conſideration, ſo that the Space of Forty Days at the leaſt ſhall always intervene between the Day of preſenting ſuch Petition and the Day appointed by the Houſe for taking the ſame into Conſideration: And whereas the ſaid Proviſion which directs that the ſaid Space of Forty Days ſhall intervene between the Day of preſenting ſuch Petition and the Day appointed by the Houſe for taking the ſame into Conſideration, hath been conſtrued to extend to Petitions which are renewed in any Seſſion or Seſſions of Parliament, ſubſequent to that in which ſuch Petition was originally preſented to the Houſe, which Proceeding hath been found to be inconvenient; for Remedy thereof, 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, That every Petition, ſo renewed as aforeſaid, ſhall be preſented to the Houſe within Fourteen Days after the Day of the Commencement of any ſuch ſubſequent Seſſion or Seſſions of Parliament, and not otherwiſe; and that whenever any ſuch renewed Petition ſhall be ſo preſented, a Day and Hour at not leſs than Fourteen Days Diſtance, ſhall be appointed by the Houſe for taking the ſame into Conſideration; any Thing in the ſaid Act to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Time of preſenting and hearing Renewed Petitions of Perſons praying to be admitted as Parties, to oppoſe the Right of Election reported by Committees.

II. And be it further enacted, That if any ſuch Petition ſhall not, from Time to Time, and in every Seſſion of Parliament, until the ſame ſhall be taken into Conſideration, be ſo renewed within the Time above limited for renewing the ſame, the Judgement of ſuch Committee on ſuch Queſtion or Queſtions ſhall be held and taken to be final and concluſive in all ſubſequent Elections of Members of Parliament for that Place to which the ſame ſhall relate, and to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever.

If ſuch Petitions be not renewed, the Judgement of Committees to be final.

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