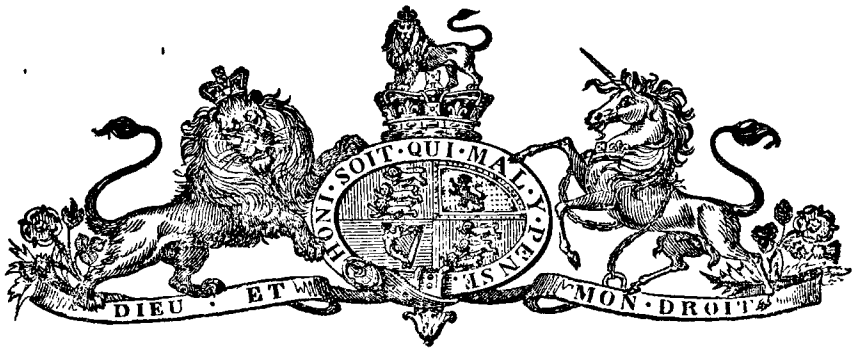


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CAP. XIX.

An Act to amend an Act of the Second and Third Years of His late Majesty, by providing additional Booths or Polling Places at Elections in *Ireland* where the Number of Electors whose Names shall begin with the same Letter of the Alphabet shall exceed a certain Number. [18th *June* 1846.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Representation of the People of* Ireland, it is enacted, that whenever in any one Barony or Half Barony of the County, or in any County of a City or County of a Town, or in any Borough, the Number of registered Voters appearing upon the Books of the Clerk of the Peace capable of voting at any Election for the same shall exceed Six hundred Voters, it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers and he and they are thereby required to provide Two or more Polling Places for such Barony or Half Barony, or for such County of a City or County of a Town, or Borough, and to make such a Division or Divisions of the Voters according to the first Letter of their Names that it shall not be necessary for more than Six hundred Voters to poll in any one 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 88.

Place of polling, but so as not to divide the Names beginning with the same Letter of the Alphabet, and that it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers and he and they are thereby required to provide as many new Places of polling as may be necessary for the Purpose, and to appoint as many additional Deputies and Poll Clerks as shall be necessary to take the Poll in such additional Places of polling (not exceeding One Deputy and One Poll Clerk for each such Place of polling); and it is by the said Act provided, that in case the Number of Voters in any Two or more Baronies or Half Baronies in any County shall not exceed the Number of Six hundred Voters, it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers and he and they are thereby required to provide that the Poll for such Baronies and Half Baronies shall be taken in One Place of polling only: And whereas it has been found that great Inconvenience has arisen, and many Persons are wholly prevented from voting at Elections, in consequence of a greater Number of Voters being assigned to vote in the Booth or Polling Place beginning with the first Letter of their Names than possibly can do so within the Time prescribed by Law for holding of such Elections: 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, That at all future Elections in *Ireland* for Members to serve in the Imperial Parliament it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers and he and they are hereby required, when it appears by the Clerk of the Peace's Book of any County, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, in *Ireland*, that the Number of registered Electors for any such County, County of a City, County of a Town, or Borough, whose Names shall begin with the same Letter of the Alphabet shall amount to Five hundred or more, to provide, as nearly as may be in alphabetical Order according to the Second Letter of their Names, Two or more Polling Places for such Voters in any such County, City, Town, or Borough in *Ireland* returning Members to serve in the Imperial Parliament, so that it shall not be necessary for more than Five hundred Voters to poll at any One Place of voting, notwithstanding that their Names may begin with the same Letter of the Alphabet; and it shall and may be lawful for the Returning Officer or Officers and he and they are hereby required to provide as many convenient and commodious Places as may be necessary for the Purpose, and to appoint as many additional Deputies and Poll Clerks as shall be necessary to take the Poll in such additional Places of polling, not exceeding One Deputy and One Poll Clerk for each Place of polling,

When Names of Electors commencing with the same Letter of the Alphabet amount to 500 or more the Returning Officer to provide so many Booths that not more than 500 Voters shall be obliged to poll at One Booth.

II. And be it enacted, That in making any Division of the Voters under any One Letter as aforesaid such Division shall be so made that all Voters who shall have the same Surname shall be obliged to poll in the same Place of polling.

All Persons of the same Surname must poll at the same Place.

III. And be it enacted, That if any Returning Officer or Officers shall refuse or neglect to carry out the Provisions of this Act, he or they shall be liable to all the Penalties which are imposed by the said Act of the Second and Third Years of the Reign of King *William* the

Penalty if Returning Officer does not comply with the

the Fourth on any Officer or Officers upon a Breach or Neglect of his or their Duty or Duties. Provisions of the Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament. Act may be amended, &c.

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