



CHAPTER cxviii.

An Act to amend the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act A.D. 1887.
so far as relates to the Borough of Belfast.

[19th July 1887.]

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 :

1. This Act may be cited as the Municipal Corporation of Belfast Act, 1887. Short title.

2. This Act shall apply only to the municipal borough of Belfast (in this Act called "the borough"). Extent of Act.

3. So much of the thirtieth section of an Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled An Act for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in Ireland (herein-after called the principal Act), as requires that the house, warehouse, counting house, or shop therein referred to shall be of the yearly value of not less than ten pounds, shall be and the same is hereby repealed so far as regards the qualification of burgesses of the municipal borough of Belfast ; and for the purpose of such qualification the said section shall be read and construed as if it were thereby enacted that every person of full age who on the twentieth day of July in any year shall be an inhabitant householder, and shall for twelve calendar months previous thereto have been resident as such within the said borough or within seven statute miles thereof, and who shall jointly or severally occupy within the said borough any house, warehouse, counting house, shop, or other building as tenant or owner, shall, subject to the provisions in the said section contained, save only the provisions as regards the yearly value of the qualifying premises, if duly enrolled as by the said Act provided, be a burgess of the

Amendment
of 3 & 4 Vict.
c. 108.

[Ch. cxviii.] *Municipal Corporation of Belfast* [50 & 51 VICT.]
Act, 1887.

A.D. 1887.

— said borough and a member of the body corporate of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Belfast: Provided that no person shall be entitled to be enrolled as such burgess as aforesaid who is disqualified by any law or statute or by any of the provisions of the said Act as amended by this Act.

Provisions of Act not to affect existing burgess roll.

4. Nothing in the foregoing section shall affect any burgess roll made and revised before the commencement of this Act, but all persons making out or revising any list or lists of burgesses, or preparing any burgess roll, or doing any act in relation to the same, after the commencement of this Act shall have and they are hereby required to have regard to the provisions of this Act as regards the qualification of burgesses as if the qualification hereby prescribed had been prescribed in the Act or Acts under which such lists are made out.

First election of new council.

5. At the date of the ordinary annual municipal elections for the borough of Belfast occurring next after the passing of this Act every seat in the municipal council of Belfast shall become vacant, as if the period of occupancy prescribed by law had expired, and there shall be on the said date a new election for every seat in the said council: Provided always, that the persons who by law would be bound to preside at the then next elections if this Act had not been passed shall nevertheless preside at such elections.

Retirement and rotation of councillors.

6. One third of the whole number of councillors for each ward elected at such election shall go out of office on the twenty-fifth day of November one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and one other third of such councillors shall go out of office on the twenty-fifth day of November one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and the remaining third of such councillors shall go out of office on the twenty-fifth day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and the names of the councillors to go out of office in each such year respectively shall be decided by ballot at the first meeting of the council held after such election. A councillor going out of office may be nominated, and, if then legally qualified, shall be eligible for re-election.

Retirement and rotation of aldermen.

7. One of the aldermen for each ward shall go out of office on the twenty-fifth day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and the other alderman for each ward shall go out of office on the twenty-fifth day of November one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three. The names of the aldermen to go out of office at the said times respectively shall be decided by ballot at the first meeting of the council held after the said election. An alderman

[50 & 51 VICT.] *Municipal Corporation of Belfast* [Ch. cxviii.]
Act, 1887.

going out of office may be nominated, and, if then legally qualified, shall be eligible for re-election. A.D. 1887.

8.—(1.) After the passing of this Act the lists of burgesses for the borough, instead of being revised by the mayor and assessors as provided by the principal Act, shall be revised by one or more barristers of not less than six years standing at the Irish Bar, to be appointed in each year by the said mayor and assessors. Revision of
burgess lists.

(2.) The barristers so appointed, if more than one, may distribute the work of revision of the said lists among themselves in such manner as they shall think proper, and may hold as many courts simultaneously as may be necessary for the due revision of the said lists, but so that not more than one barrister shall preside in each court, except for the purpose of making any determination which may be necessary under section fifty-nine of the principal Act. For all purposes connected with such revision (save only for the appointment of such barristers as aforesaid), the barristers appointed as aforesaid shall be substituted for the mayor and assessors elected as aforesaid, and shall have the same powers with regard to the revision of the said lists as were, before the passing of this Act, vested in the mayor and assessors elected as aforesaid.

(3.) The said barristers instead of the mayor shall write their initials against the names respectively struck out of or inserted in each list revised by them respectively, and against every part of each said list revised by them respectively in which any mistake shall have been corrected, and shall sign their names respectively to the pages of each list revised by them respectively when settled.

9. The council of the borough of Belfast shall pay to every barrister who shall revise the said burgess lists, or any of them, such remuneration for his services in revising the said lists, not exceeding five guineas per day, as the said council shall think proper; such remuneration to be paid out of the borough rate of the said borough. Remunera-
tion of
revising
barristers.

10. For all purposes connected with and having reference to the right to vote at municipal elections, the word person in this Act includes women. Right of
women to
vote.

11. Except as by this Act expressly provided, nothing herein contained shall in any way affect or alter any of the provisions of the principal Act as amended by any Act amending the same, but all such provisions shall remain and be in force and be applicable in all respects in reference to the lists of burgesses to be made and revised as by this Act provided. Saving.

[Ch. cxviii.] *Municipal Corporation of Belfast* [50 & 51 VICT.]
Act, 1887.

A.D. 1887.

Suspending
operation
of certain
works.

12. Until after the election of the council in November one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven no action shall be taken or liability incurred in respect of any works which the corporation of Belfast are or may be empowered to execute under any Act of the present session.

London: Printed for HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE,
By EYRE AND SPOTTISWOODE, Printers to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

And to be purchased, either directly or through any Bookseller, from
EYRE AND SPOTTISWOODE, EAST HARDING STREET, FLEET STREET, E.C.; or
ADAM AND CHARLES BLACK, 6, NORTH BRIDGE, EDINBURGH; or
HODGES, FIGGIS, & Co., 104, GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.