



Public Meeting Act, 1908

1908 CHAPTER 66

An Act to prevent disturbance of Public Meetings.

[21st December 1908]

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, as follows :

1 Penalty on endeavour to break up public meeting.

- (1) Any person who at a lawful public meeting acts in a disorderly manner for the purpose of preventing the transaction of the business for which the meeting was called together shall be guilty of an offence, and, if the offence is committed at a political meeting held in any parliamentary constituency between the date of the issue of a writ for the return of a member of Parliament for such constituency and the date at which a return to such writ is made, he shall be guilty of an illegal practice within the meaning of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, and in any other case shall, on summary conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, or to imprisonment not exceeding one month.
- (2) Any person who incites others to commit an offence under this section shall be guilty of a like offence.

2 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Public Meeting Act, 1908.