



House of Commons (Disqualifications) Act 1801

1801 CHAPTER 52 41 Geo 3

An Act for declaring what Persons shall be disabled from sitting and voting in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and also for carrying into effect Part of the Fourth Article of the Union of Great Britain and Ireland, by providing in what cases Persons holding Offices or Places of Profit under the Crown of Ireland shall be incapable of being Members of the House of Commons of the Parliament of the said United Kingdom. [20th June 1801]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

Recital of 39 & 40 Geo. 3. c. 67.

Whereas by the ^{M1}Union with Ireland Act 1800 it was amongst other things provided, that the said kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland should, upon the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, and for ever after, be united into one kingdom, by the name of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and that the said United Kingdom should be represented in one and the same Parliament, to be stiled The Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland: And whereas it is expedient fully to declare in what cases persons are and shall be disabled from, or incapable of, sitting and voting in the House of Commons of the said Parliament of the said United Kingdom:

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[1.] All persons disabled from sitting in British Parliaments shall be disabled from sitting in the United Parliament as members for Great Britain.

From and after the passing of this Act, all persons disabled from or incapable of being elected, or sitting and voting in the House of Commons of any Parliament of Great Britain, shall be disabled from and be incapable of being elected, or sitting and voting in the House of Commons of any Parliament of the United Kingdom, as knights, citizens, or burgesses, for any county, city, borough, cinque port, town, or place, in Great Britain.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Ss. 1–3 repealed by [House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957 \(c. 20\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#) so far as they relate to disqualification under any enactment repealed by that Act

2 All persons disabled from sitting in Irish Parliaments shall be disabled from sitting for Ireland.

And from and after the passing of this Act, all persons disabled from or incapable of being elected, or sitting and voting in the House of Commons of any Parliament of Ireland, shall be disabled from and be incapable of being elected, or sitting and voting in the House of Commons of any Parliament of the United Kingdom, as knights, citizens, or burgesses, for any county, city, borough, town, or place, in Ireland.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** Ss. 1–3 repealed by [House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957 \(c. 20\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#) so far as they relate to disqualification under any enactment repealed by that Act
- C4** Reference to Ireland to be construed as exclusive of Republic of Ireland: S.R. & O. 1923/405 (Rev. X, p. 298; 1923, p. 400), art. 2

3 Persons disabled by British Statutes shall not hereby be enabled to sit for Ireland, nor e contra.

Provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to enable persons, heretofore disabled by any Act of the Parliament of Great Britain, from sitting and voting in the House of Commons of Great Britain, to sit or vote in the House of Commons of the said Parliament of the said United Kingdom, as knights, citizens, or burgesses for any county, city, borough, town, or place in Ireland; nor to enable persons, heretofore disabled by any Acts of the Parliament of Ireland from sitting and voting in the House of Commons of Ireland, to sit or vote in the House of Commons of the Parliament of the said United Kingdom, as knights, citizens, or burgesses, for any county, city, borough, cinque port, town, or place, in Great Britain.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** Ss. 1–3 repealed by [House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957 \(c. 20\)](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. I](#) so far as they relate to disqualification under any enactment repealed by that Act
- C6** Reference to Ireland to be construed as exclusive of Republic of Ireland: S.R. & O. 1923/405 (Rev. X, p. 298; 1923, p. 400), art. 2

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 4–8 repealed by House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957 (c. 20), **Sch. 4 Pt. I**

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Textual Amendments

F2 S. 9 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (c. 6)

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