



# Parliamentary Elections (Ireland) Act 1823

## 1823 CHAPTER 55

### **LII Questions to be put to Persons offering to vote as Freemen, if required.**

And be it further enacted, That in every Case in which, any Person shall tender his Vote or offer to poll at any Election for a Member to serve in Parliament for any County of a City or County of a Town, the Returning Officer's Deputy shall, if required by any Candidate or the Agent of any Candidate so to do, put to such Person the following Questions, and no other:

What is your Name ?

Are you a Freeman of the County of the City or County of the' Town of [*naming the County of a City or County of a Town for which the Election is held* ?]

Have you been sworn ?

Provided always, that where the Right of Election in any County of a City or Town in *Ireland* shall have been determined, under and by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament now in force for the Trial of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in Parliament, to be in the resident Freemen only of the County of a City or Town, the Returning Officer's Deputy shall, if required by any Candidate, or the Agent of any Candidate, put the following additional Questions to any Person offering to vote as a Freeman :

When were you admitted a Freeman thereof, or elected a Freeman thereof ; or, was the Freedom thereof granted to you, to the best of your Knowledge and Belief?

Where did you reside in the Month of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year \_\_\_\_\_ ? [*here stating the Time of Admission, Election, or Grant of the Freedom.*]

and the Answers to which Questions shall be inserted in the Poll Books : And when the Person so tendering his Vote, or offering to poll, shall have answered such Questions, such Deputy shall ask such Person for whom he votes ; and the Vote of such Person shall be entered in the Poll Book according to his Answer, unless an Objection be made to such Vote, in Manner herein directed.