



# Parliamentary Elections (Ireland) Act 1823

## 1823 CHAPTER 55

**XLIV Clerk of the Peace shall appoint a Deputy to attend at Election with Registry Books and original Affidavits of Registry alphabetically arranged, &c. Such Deputy to receive 10s. per Day, and his Assistant 5s. per Day. Penalty for altering or defacing Affidavits, 10l.**

And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the Peace, at every Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for any County of a City or County of a Town in *Ireland*, shall appoint, or in Failure thereof, the Sheriffs or Other inferior Officers thereof shall appoint a Deputy Clerk of the Peace, who shall attend with the original Registry Book or Books in which the Entries of the Registry of all Freeholds shall be first entered at the Booth to be provided for the Sheriffs or other Returning Officers, as hereby directed, and also a Deputy Clerk of the Peace, and also an Assistant to such Deputy, to be present in each Place of polling of Freeholders ; and such Deputy shall take with him into such Place of polling such of the alphabetical Registry Books belonging to the County of a City or County of a Town, as shall contain the Names of the Freeholders to be polled in such Place of polling, and the original Affidavits or Affirmations which shall have been made by the Persons capable of voting in such Place of polling respectively; which Affidavits or Affirmations the Clerk of the Peace is hereby required to have arranged alphabetically in separate Parcels (one or more for each Letter of the Alphabet), and indorsed with the Names of the Persons by whom the same were respectively made, and also with the Number of the Entry of each Affidavit or Affirmation in the original Registry Book or Books ; and that in those Cases wherein a Certificate of Registry shall not be produced by the Person tendering his Vote or offering to poll, such Deputy shall, on the Demand of the Returning Officer's Deputy, produce the original Affidavit or Affirmation of the Registry of such Person; and that such Deputy; Clerk of the Peace shall be entitled to receive the Sum of Ten Shillings and no more, for each Day of his Attendance, any Act to the contrary notwithstanding ; and such Assistant to such Deputy shall be entitled to receive the Sum of Five Shillings for each Day of his Attendance ; and that if such Deputy or such Assistant to such Deputy shall alter, deface, destroy, or lose any Affidavit or Affirmation of Registry committed to his Care, he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds for every such Offence, to any Person suing for the same, by Action of Debt, at any General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.