



Perjury Act 1911

1911 CHAPTER 6 1 and 2 Geo 5

15 Interpretation &c.

(1) For the purposes of this Act, the forms and ceremonies used in administering an oath are immaterial, if the court or person before whom the oath is taken has power to administer an oath for the purpose of verifying the statement in question, and if the oath has been administered in a form and with ceremonies which the person taking the oath has accepted without objection, or has declared to be binding on him.

(2) In this Act—

The expression “oath” . . . ^{F1} includes “affirmation” and “declaration,” and the expression “swear” . . . ^{F1} includes “affirm” and “declare”; and

The expression “statutory declaration” means a declaration made by virtue of the ^{M1}Statutory Declarations Act 1835, or of any Act, Order in Council, rule or regulation applying or extending the provisions thereof; and

^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Administration of Justice Act 1977 \(c. 38\)](#), [Sch. 5 Pt. III](#)

F2 Definition repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pt. III](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1835 c. 62](#).

Changes to legislation:

Perjury Act 1911, Section 15 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 4(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 24 Sch. 6 para. 19](#) (This S.I. is amended by S.I. 2019/1458, reg. 19(8))