



Metropolis Management Act 1855

1855 CHAPTER 120

Formation of Parishes into Districts, and Constitution of District Boards

XXXI Parishes in Schedule (B.) to be united, and form Districts, and District Boards constituted.

For the Purposes of this Act the several Parishes mentioned in the Second Column of Schedule (B.) to this Act shall be united, and form the respective Districts mentioned in conjunction therewith and named in the First Column of the same Schedule; and there shall be a Board of Works for each such District, composed of the Members elected as herein-after mentioned for the Parishes forming such District.

XXXII Vestries to elect Members of District Boards.

The Vestry constituted by this Act in every Parish in any such District shall on the Twenty-eighth Day of *November* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five elect the Number of Persons mentioned in the Third Column of the said Schedule (B.) in conjunction with such Parish to be a Member or Members of the Board of Works for such District.

XXXIII If relative Numbers of inhabited Houses in Parishes in any District vary on any future Census, the Numbers of Members may be altered.

When at any Time hereafter, upon any Account taken of the Population by the Authority of Parliament, the relative Numbers of the inhabited Houses in the several Parishes forming any such District are found to have varied from those shown by the last previous Census, it shall be lawful for the Metropolitan Board of Works constituted by this Act, upon the Application of the Vestry or any Ratepayers of any such Parish, to alter the Number of the Members of the Board of Works for such District to be elected for all or any of the Parishes therein ; but so that the Number of Members to be elected for any such Parish, if exceeding Three, shall be a Number divisible by Three.

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XXXIVAs to the Term of Office of Members of District Boards elected at First Election, and as to future Elections.

One Third of the Members of any such Board first elected for any Parish for which Three or more such Members are by this Act appointed to be elected shall go out of Office at the Time hereinafter appointed for the Election of Members of such Board in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, One other Third of them at the Time appointed for such Election in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and the remaining Third at the Time appointed for such Election in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine; and the Vestry shall at the Time of the First Election under this Act of such Members determine by Lot which of the Members first elected shall constitute the One Third to go out of Office in the Years One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven and One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight respectively; and all Members elected to supply Vacancies occasioned by Members going out of Office at the Expiration of their Term of Office shall go out of Office at the Election of Members of such Board in the Third following Year.

XXXV Elections to be held annually for supplying Vacancies occasioned by Expiration of Term of Office.

The Vestry of every such Parish shall on the First *Wednesday* in the Month of *June* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in every subsequent Year, elect so many Vestrymen of such Parish to be Members of the Board for the District in which such Parish is comprised as may be necessary for supplying the Vacancies among the Members of such Board elected for such Parish occasioned by Expiration of the Term of Office of the Members going out of Office at the Time of such Election.

XXXVIProvision as to Parishes not electing as many as Three Members of a District Board.

The Members of any such Board first elected for Parishes for which less than Three Members are by this Act appointed to be elected shall go out of Office on the said First *Wednesday* in *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and Members subsequently elected for such Parishes to supply Vacancies occasioned by Members going out of Office at the Expiration of their Term of Office shall go out of Office on the First *Wednesday* in *June* in the Third Year following their Election; and the Vestries of such Parishes shall on the said First *Wednesday* in *June* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and in every Third following Year, elect Members in the Place of the Members then going out of Office.

XXXVIProvision as to casual Vacancies.

When any Member of any District Board dies, resigns, or ceases to be such Member, otherwise than by the Expiration of his Term of Office, the Vestry of the Parish for which he was elected shall with all convenient Speed elect a Person to be a Member of such Board in his Place; and every Member of any such Board elected to supply any such Vacancy shall go out of Office when the Term of Office of the Member in whose Place he is elected would have expired by Effluxion of Time.

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XXXVI Powers of District Boards to be exercised at Meetings, not less than Seven Members being present.

All Powers and Duties vested in the Board of Works for any District may be exercised or performed at any Meeting of such Board holden under this Act, there being not less than Seven Members of the Board present; and at every such Meeting all Questions shall be decided by the Votes of the Majority of the Members present; and the Board may act notwithstanding any Vacancies therein, and notwithstanding any Omission to elect any Member of Members of such Board, in pursuance of this Act.

XXXIX Ordinary Meetings of District Boards.

The First Meeting of the Board of Works for any District shall be holden on the *Wednesday* in the Week next following the Election of such Board, at Ten o'clock in the Forenoon, at the Place at which the Vestry of the Parish in such District first named in Schedule (B.) to this Act usually meet; and every subsequent Ordinary Meeting shall be holden on and at such Day, Time, and Place as the Board may from Time to Time appoint in this Behalf, subject, nevertheless, to the Provision herein-after contained, appointing the Day on which Meetings shall be holden for the First Election of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

XL Special Meetings of District Boards.

A Special Meeting of any such Board may be convened by any Five Members of the Board, or by the Clerk of the Board, upon the Requisition in Writing of Five Members of the Board, by a Notice to the several Members thereof Forty-eight Hours at least before the Time of meeting, such Notice to be signed by the Members or Clerk convening the Meeting, and to specify the Object thereof.

XLI Chairman to be elected at Meeting of Board.

Every such Board shall at every Meeting of such Board, before proceeding to Business, elect a Chairman of such Meeting, and such Chairman, in case of an Equality of Votes on any Question, shall have a Second or Casting Vote.