



# Representation of the People (Scotland) Act 1868

## CHAPTER 48

### REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1868

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- 46 In Burghs where there are no Magistrates, Police Commissioners to appoint Assessors.
- 47 Where there is no Town Clerk, Police Commissioners or Sheriff to appoint a Person to act as such.
- 48 Expenses of Valuation, and Registration of Voters, and Remuneration of Person acting as Assessor and Town Clerk, to be assessed on the Burgh.
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*Offices of Profit referred to in this Act*

SCHEDULE (I.) —