



Clerical Disabilities Act 1870

1870 CHAPTER 91 33 and 34 Vict

4 Recording by bishop of deed of relinquishment and consequences thereof.

At the expiration of six months after an office copy of the enrolment of a deed of relinquishment has been so delivered to a bishop, he or his successor in office shall, on the application of the person executing the deed, cause the deed to be recorded in the registry of the diocese, and thereupon and thenceforth (but no sooner) the following consequences shall ensue with respect to the person executing the deed:—

- (1) He shall be incapable of officiating or acting in any manner as a minister of the Church of England, and of taking or holding any preferment therein, and shall cease to enjoy all rights, privileges, advantages, and exemptions attached to the office of minister in the Church of England:
- (2) Every licence, office, and place held by him for which it is by law an indispensable qualification that the holder thereof should be a minister of the Church of England shall be ipso facto determined and void:
- (3) He shall be by virtue of this Act discharged and free from all disabilities, disqualifications, restraints, and prohibitions to which, if this Act had not been passed, he would, by force of any of the enactments mentioned in the first schedule to this Act or of any other law, have been subject as a person who had been admitted to the office of minister in the Church of England, and from all jurisdiction, penalties, censures, and proceedings to which, if this Act had not been passed, he would or might, under any of the same enactments or any other law, have been amenable or liable in consequence of his having been so admitted and of any act or thing done or omitted by him after such admission.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 4 amended by [Clerical Disabilities Act 1870 \(Amendment\) Measure 1934 \(No. 1\)](#) ss. 1, 2

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Clerical Disabilities Act 1870, Section 4.