



# Ecclesiastical Titles Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 53 34 and 35 Vict

An Act to repeal an Act for preventing the assumption of certain Ecclesiastical Titles in respect of places in the United Kingdom. [24th July 1871]

Whereas by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter sixty, intituled,<sup>M1</sup> “An Act to prevent the assumption of certain Ecclesiastical Titles in respect of places in the United Kingdom,” certain enactments were made prohibiting under penalties the assumption of the title of archbishop or bishop of a pretended province or diocese, or archbishop or bishop of a city, place, or territory, or dean of any pretended deanery in England or Ireland, not being the see, province, or diocese of an archbishop or bishop or deanery of any dean recognised by law:

And whereas no ecclesiastical title of honour or dignity derived from any see, province, diocese, or deanery recognised by law, or from any city, town, place, or territory within this realm, can be validly created, nor can any such see, province, diocese, or deanery be validly created, nor can any pre-eminence or coercive power be conferred otherwise than under the authority and by the favour of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and according to the laws of this realm; but it is not expedient to impose penalties upon those ministers of religion who may, as among the members of the several religious bodies to which they respectively belong, be designated by distinctions regarded as titles of office, although such designation may be connected with the name of some town or place within the realm:

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)  
**C2** This Act is not necessarily in the form in which it has effect in Northern Ireland
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**Marginal Citations**

- M1** [1851 c. 60.](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Ecclesiastical Titles Act 1871,  
Introductory Text.