



# Bishops Act 1878

1878 CHAPTER 68 41 and 42 Vict

**1 Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Bishops Act 1878.

2—4 ..... F1

**Textual Amendments**

F1 Ss. 2.—4., ss. 6.—14, Sch. repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1973 \(c. 39\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#)

**5 The number of bishops sitting in Parliament not to be increased.**

The number of Lords Spiritual sitting and voting as Lords of Parliament shall not be increased by the foundation of a new bishopric [<sup>F2</sup>after the year 1846] ; and whenever there is a vacancy among such Lords Spiritual by the avoidance of any of the sees of Canterbury, York, London, Durham, or Winchester, such vacancy shall be supplied by the issue of a writ of summons to the bishop acceding to the see so avoided; and if such vacancy is caused by the avoidance of any see other than one of the five sees aforesaid, such vacancy shall be supplied by the issue of a writ of summons to that bishop of a see in England who having been longest bishop of a see in England has not previously become entitled to such writ:

Provided, that where a bishop is translated from one see to another, and was at the date of his translation actually sitting as a Lord of Parliament, he shall not thereupon lose his right to receive a writ of summons to Parliament.

**Textual Amendments**

F2 Words substituted by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1973 \(c. 39\)](#), [Sch. 2 para. 1](#)

6—14. .... F3

---

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Bishoprics Act 1878. (See end of Document for details)

---

---

### Textual Amendments

**F3** Ss. 2.—4., ss. 6.—14, Sch. repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1973 (c. 39), **Sch. 1 Pt. II**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Bishoprics Act 1878.