



Vestries Act 1831(^{F1}repealed 1.6.1992)

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VESTRIES ACT 1831(REPEALED 1.6.1992)

- [1.] Act may be adopted by any parish.
- 2 Manner of adopting it in parishes where inhabitants do not assemble in open vestry.
- 3 Upon receipt of requisition, churchwarden to give notice of time and place for receiving votes.
- 4 Form of declaration.
- 5 Churchwardens to declare whether the votes are in favour of adopting Act.
- 6 Ratepayers may inspect votes.
- 7 No person to vote unless he has been rated one year.
- 8 Notice of adoption of the Act.
- 9 No similar requisition to be made within three years.
- 10 This Act to take effect in all parishes in which its adoption has been notified.
- 11 Penalties on churchwardens and others refusing to call meetings &c.
- 12 Notice to be given of annual election of vestrymen and auditors.
- 13 Rate-collectors may be summoned to assist at the election.
- 14 Form of proceeding at annual elections.
- 15 A ballot may be demanded.
- 16 Mode of voting.
- 17 Duty of inspectors.
- 18 In case of equality of votes.
- 19 Penalty for forging or falsifying any voting list or obstructing the election.
- 20 Public notice to be given of vestrymen and auditors chosen by parishioners.
- 21 Penalty on inspectors making incorrect returns.
- 22 Elections to be annual.

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- 23 Vestry to consist of not less than 12 nor more than 120 householders.
- 24 Proportion of existing vestry to go out of office at each three first elections under this Act.
- 25 Subsequent vestrymen to quit office after three years, and one third of whole number to be elected annually.
- 26 Qualifications of vestrymen.
- 27 Vestries appointed after the adoption of this Act to exercise the authority of former vestries.
- 28 The Acts of a quorum of the vestry at any meeting to be considered as the Acts of the Vestry.
- 29 Meetings not to be held in the church.
- 30 Meeting to elect a chairman.
- 31 Proceedings to be entered in books, to be open to inspection.
- 32 Account book to be kept, and to be open to inspection.
- 33 Auditors to be chosen annually.
- 34 Mode of audit.
- 35 Auditors may call for persons and books.
- 36 Accounts to be signed by auditors.
- 37 Accounts after audit to be open to inspection.
- 38 Abstracts of accounts to be published fourteen days after being audited.
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- 40 Saving of ecclesiastical jurisdiction.
- 41 Meaning of terms used in this Act.
- 42 As to affixing notices.
- 43 Act not to extend to rural parishes where not more than 800 ratepayers, except in cities or towns.
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