



# Suffragan Bishops Act 1534

1534 CHAPTER 14 26 Hen 8

- [I.] **The Sees of such Bishops. Archbishops and Bishops shall present Two Persons to the King, of whom he shall name One to be Suffragan. Such Suffragans shall be consecrated by the Archbishop.**

The Townes of Thetforde, Ippeswiche, Colchester, Dover, Gylford, Southampton, Tawnton, Shaftesbury, Molton, Marleburgh, Bedforde, Leycester, Gloucester, Shrewesbury, Bristowe, Penreth, Bridgewater, Nottingham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntyngdon, Cambridge, and the townes of Pereth, and Berwyke, [<sup>XI</sup>Sayncte Germainys in Cornewell] and the Isle of Wyght, shalbe taken and accepted for Sees of Byshops Suffragans to be made in this Realme and yn Wales, and the Byshops of suche Sees shalbe callyd Suffragans of this Realme: And that everie Archebyshope and Byshop of this Realme and of Wales and els where within the Kynges Domynyons, beyng dysposed to have any Suffragane, shall and maye at their liberties name and elect that is to saie everie of theym for their peculyer Diocise, two honest and discrete spirituall parsonnes beyng lernyd and of good conversacion, and those two personnes so by them to be named shall present to Kynges Highnes by their writinge under their seales makyng humble request to his Magestie to gyve to one suche of the said two parsonnes as shall please his Magestie suche title name stile and dignite of Byshope of suche of the Sees above especified as the Kynges Highnes shall thinke moste convenyent for the same; And that the Kynges Magestie upon everie suche presentacion shall have full power and auctoryte to gyve to one of those two personnes, so to his Highnes to be presentid, the stile title and name of a Byshop of suche of the Sees aforesaide as to his Magestie shalbe thought moste convenyent and expedient, so it be within the same Province wherof the Byshop that dothe name hym is; And that everie suche personne to whom the Kynges Highnes shall gyve any such stile and title of anye of the Sees aforesayd shalbe callyd Byshop Suffragane of the same See wherunto he shalbe namyd; And after suche title stile and name so gyven as is aforesaide, the Kynges Magestie shall present everie suche personne by his letters patentes under hys his greate Seale to the Archebishop of Canturburie, yf the towne wherof he hath his title be within the province of Canturbury, and lykewise to the Archebishop of Yorke yf the towne wherof he hath his title be within the province of Yorke, signifyenge and declaringe by the same letters patentes the name of the personne presentid, and the stile and title of dignite of the Bishoprich wherunto he shalbe nomynated, requyringe the same Archebishop to whom suche letters patentes

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shalbe directid to consecrate the said persone so nomynate and presentid to the same name title stile and dignite of Bishop that he shalbe nomynated and presentid unto, and to gyve hym all suche creacions benediccions and ceremonies as to the degre and office of a Byshope Suffragane shalbe requysite.

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**Editorial Information**

**X1** Interlined in the Original Act.

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