



# Parliamentary Witnesses Oaths Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 83 34 and 35 Vict

An Act for enabling the House of Commons and any Committee thereof to administer Oaths to Witnesses. [16th August 1871]

## Editorial Information

X1 This Act is not necessarily in the form in which it has effect in Northern Ireland.

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1893 \(c. 54\)](#)

## Commencement Information

I1 Act wholly in force at Royal Assent.

## 1 Examination of witnesses on oath by the House of Commons and committees of the House.

The House of Commons may administer an oath to the witnesses examined at the bar of the said House.

Any committee of the House of Commons may administer an oath to the witnesses examined before such committee.

[<sup>F1</sup>Any person examined as aforesaid who wilfully gives false evidence shall be liable to the penalties of perjury.]

.....<sup>F2</sup>

Any oath . . . <sup>F2</sup> under this Act may be administered by the Speaker of the House of Commons, or by such person or persons as may from time to time be appointed for that purpose either by him or by any Standing Order or other Order of the said House.

## Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed (E.W.) by [Perjury Act 1911 \(c. 6\)](#), [Sch.](#)

*Status: Point in time view as at 01/02/1991.*

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Parliamentary Witnesses Oaths Act 1871. (See end of Document for details)*

**F2** Words repealed by [Administration of Justice Act 1977 \(c. 38\)](#), **Sch. 5 Pt. III**

**2** ..... **F3**

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** [S. 2](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1883 \(c. 39\)](#)

**3 As to additional power or privilege of House of Commons.**

Nothing in this Act contained shall be held to confer any additional or further power or privilege on the Commons House of Parliament with reference to impeachment or other criminal jurisdiction or otherwise howsoever than is herein expressly enacted.

**4 Short title of Act.**

This Act may be cited as “The Parliamentary Witnesses Oaths Act 1871”.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Parliamentary Witnesses Oaths Act 1871.