



CHAPTER ii.

An Act to alter the Boundaries of certain of the existing Wards and to create new Wards in the city of Bristol; and for other purposes.

A.D. 1880.

[14th June 1880.]

WHEREAS the city and county of Bristol (in this Act called "the city") is under the Municipal Corporations Acts a municipal borough under the government of the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the city of Bristol (in this Act called "the Corporation"):

And whereas the city is divided into ten wards, which are represented in the council of the city (in this Act called "the council") by forty-eight councillors, and the names of the said wards and the number of their respective councillors are those set forth in the First Schedule to this Act:

And whereas since the division of the city into wards the population and rateable value have greatly increased, but to a greater extent in some of the wards than in other of them, and it is expedient that the boundaries of certain of the wards be altered, that three new wards be created, and that some of the councillors now assigned to certain of the wards be distributed among the altered and new wards:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas an absolute majority of the whole number of the council at a meeting held on the 29th day of April 1879, after ten clear days notice by public advertisement of such meeting, and of the purpose thereof, in the "Daily Bristol Times and Mirror," a local newspaper published and circulating in the city, such notice being in addition to the ordinary notices required for summoning such meeting, resolved that the expense in relation to promoting the Bill for this Act should be charged on the borough fund and borough rate:

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And whereas such resolution was published twice in the "Daily Bristol Times and Mirror," a newspaper circulating in the city, and has received the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State :

And whereas the propriety of the promotion of the Bill for this Act was confirmed by an absolute majority of the whole number of the council at a further special meeting held in pursuance of a similar notice on the 20th day of January 1880, being not less than fourteen days after the deposit of the Bill in Parliament :

38 & 39 Vict.
c. 55.

And whereas the owners and ratepayers of the city by resolution in the manner provided in the Third Schedule of the Public Health Act, 1875, consented to the promotion of the Bill for this Act :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as Bristol (Alteration of Wards) Act, 1880.

Interpreta-
tion.
5 & 6 W. 4.
c. 76.

2. In this Act the expression "the Municipal Corporations Acts" means the Municipal Corporation Act, 1835, and Acts amending the same or otherwise relating to municipal corporations in England. The expression "section of councillors," used in relation to any ward or wards, means that portion of the councillors of such ward or wards which retires by rotation in any one of the three successive years for which they are elected.

City to
consist of
thirteen
wards.

3. On and after the twenty-second day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty the city shall be divided into thirteen wards, and their names and extent shall be as set forth in the Second Schedule to this Act, and they shall be respectively represented in the council from and after the meeting hereafter referred to by the number of councillors mentioned in conjunction with each ward in that Schedule. When the boundary of any ward is a street, road, river, or watercourse, the imaginary centre line thereof respectively shall constitute such boundary.

Ward lists
in wards
comprising
different
parishes.

4. To avoid inconvenience and difficulty in making out the ward lists to take effect from the twenty-second day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty and in subsequent years in alphabetical order in wards comprising more than one parish or district or parts of different parishes or districts : Therefore in any ward which comprises more than one parish or district, or parts of different parishes or districts, the names of the persons

entitled to be placed in such ward lists shall be so placed alphabetically in respect of each of such parishes or districts, or parts of such parishes or districts, instead of alphabetically in respect of the whole of such ward. A.D. 1880.

5. Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the provisions of the Municipal Corporation Act, 1859 (relating to the divisions of boroughs into wards), and of any enactment substituted for or amending the same, shall continue to apply to the city. Saving for
22 Vict.
c. 35.

6. A ward plan, signed in duplicate by Henry Cecil Raikes, Esquire, the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred, showing the numbers, names, and extent of the wards as described in the Second Schedule, shall, within one week after the passing of this Act, be deposited as to one copy in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, and as to the other copy with the town clerk of the city, who shall keep the said copy, subject to the provisions of the Public General Act passed in the session of Parliament of the seventh year of the reign of King William the Fourth and the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter 83. Deposit of
ward plan.

7. Copies of the said ward plan or any extract therefrom, certified by the town clerk to be true, shall be received by all courts of justice or elsewhere as *prima facie* evidence of the contents of such plan, and such plan shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the persons liable to rates imposed by the Corporation, and all persons so liable shall be entitled to a copy of or extract from such plan on payment of a reasonable fee for every such copy or extract. Copies of
deposited
plan to be
evidence.

8. The council shall, not less than fourteen days before the twenty-second day of October one thousand eight hundred and eighty, hold a meeting (to be specially convened with notice of the purpose thereof) for the purpose of making the redistribution of councillors as provided for by this Act, and such meeting is in this Act referred to as "the meeting." Meeting of
council to
assign coun-
cillors.

9. At the meeting the council shall make the following transfers of councillors from and assignments of councillors to wards; that is to say, Transfer of
councillors
to wards.

Three councillors from Bristol Ward to one of the Saint Philip Wards;

Three councillors from Clifton Ward to Westbury Ward;

Three councillors from Saint Augustine Ward to one of the Bedminster Wards;

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Term of
office of
councillors
not to be
altered.

10. Every councillor, whatever ward he shall under the provisions of this Act represent, either by continuance or assignment, shall hold office in that ward for the same time as he would have held office had this Act not been passed.

Councillors
for Bed-
minster and
Saint Philip
Wards may
agree which
division they
will repre-
sent.

11. The councillors in the Bedminster Ward may at or before the meeting agree among themselves that they will represent one and the same division of their ward, and such agreement shall be signified in writing to the council at the meeting, and thereupon the council shall assign councillors to such division in accordance with such agreement, and the councillors so assigned shall be the councillors for such division accordingly. In default of such agreement the council shall at the meeting make the necessary assignment. The provisions of this section shall also extend and apply to the Saint Philip Ward and the councillors therefor.

As to go-
vernment of
elections, &c.

12. Subject to the provisions of this Act, all elections, vacations of office, and rotations shall be governed by the Municipal Corporations Acts.

Expenses of
Act.

13. All the costs, charges, and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing, applying for, obtaining; and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation out of the borough fund

The SCHEDULES to which the foregoing Act refers. A.D. 1880.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Names of the present Wards.	Number of Councillors.
1. Bedminster - - - - -	- Three.
2. Bristol - - - - -	- Nine.
3. Clifton - - - - -	- Nine.
4. District - - - - -	- Three.
5. Redcliff - - - - -	- Six.
6. Saint Augustine - - - - -	- Six.
7. Saint James - - - - -	- Three.
8. Saint Michael - - - - -	- Three.
9. Saint Paul - - - - -	- Three.
10. Saint Philip and Jacob - - - - -	- Three.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

Names of New Wards.	Extent of New Wards.	Number of Councillors.
1. Bedminster Ward East.	Such parts of the parishes of Saint Mary Redcliff and Temple as lie southward of the new course of the River Avon and eastward of Still House Lane, and such part of the parish of Bedminster within the city as lies southward of such new course of the River Avon, and as is divided from the remaining part of the parish of Bedminster within the city by Still House Lane, Philip Street, the Great Western Railway, and the Malago Stream.	Three.

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Names of New Wards.	Extent of New Wards.	Number of Councillors.
2. Bedminster Ward West.	Such part of the parish of Saint Mary Redcliff as lies southward of the new course of the River Avon and westward of Still House Lane, and the remainder of such part of the parish of Bedminster within the city as lies southward of the new course of the River Avon, and is divided from Bedminster Ward East by Still House Lane, Philip Street, the Great Western Railway, and the Malago Stream.	Three.
3. Bristol Ward -	The parish of All Saints, the Castle Precincts, and the parishes of Christ Church, Saint Ewen, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Leonard, Saint Mary-le-Port, Saint Nicholas, Saint Peter, Saint Philip and Jacob (commonly called the In-parish of Saint Philip and Jacob), and Saint Stephen.	Six.
4. Clifton Ward -	Such part of the parish of Clifton as lies northward of Belgrave Road, westward of Pembroke Road, and southward of Oakfield Road.	Six.
5. District Ward -	The district of the united parishes of Saint James and Saint Paul.	Three.
6. Redcliff Ward	The parish of Saint Thomas, and such parts of the parishes of Saint Mary Redcliff, Bedminster, and Temple as lie northward of the new course of the River Avon, and such parts of the parish of Temple and of the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob (commonly called the Out-parish of Saint Philip and Jacob) as lie southward of the Feeder Canal.	Six.
7. Saint Augustine Ward	The parish of Saint Augustine - - -	Three.
8. Saint James Ward -	The parish of Saint James - - -	Three.
9. Saint Michael Ward	The parish of Saint Michael and such part of the parish of Westbury-upon-Trym within the city as lies southward of the Bristol Port and Pier Railway (Clifton Extension).	Three.

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Names of New Wards.	Extent of New Wards.	Number of Councillors.
10. Saint Paul Ward -	The parish of Saint Paul - - -	Three.
11. Saint Philip and Jacob Ward North.	Such part of the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob (Without) as lies northward of West Street and Lawrence Hill.	Three.
12. Saint Philip and Jacob Ward South.	Such part of the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob (Without) as lies southward of the parish of Saint Philip and Jacob (Within), West Street, and Lawrence Hill, and northward of the Feeder Canal.	Three.
13. Westbury Ward -	Such part of the parish of Westbury-upon-Trym within the city as lies northward of the Bristol Port and Pier Railway (Clifton Extension), and such part of the parish of Clifton as lies southward of Belgrave Road, eastward of Pembroke Road, and northward of Oakfield Road.	Three.

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