

ISLE OF MAN TO WIT.

At a Tynwald Court holden at Douglas, the fifteenth day of April, in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen; Before His Excellency Major-General William Fry, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Lieutenant-Governor, the Council, Deemsters, and Keys.

An Act to further amend the House of Keys Election Acts.¹

We, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, Deemsters, and Keys of the said Isle, do humbly beseech your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, Deemsters, and Keys, in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows (that is to say):—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The House of Keys Election Act, 1919," and this Act and the House of Keys Election Acts, 1866 to 1917², may be cited as "the House of Keys Election Acts, 1866 to 1919" (the House of Keys Election Act, 1866, being hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act.")

Construction of Act.

2. This Act, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, shall be construed as one with the House of Keys Election Acts, 1866 to 1917²; and the expression "this Act," or any analogous expression in any of such Acts, shall be construed to include this Act.

Repeal of Enactments.

3. The Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act are repealed to the extent in the third column of that schedule mentioned, except so far as may be necessary for the purpose of giving effect to anything duly done under such enactment hereby repealed.

Interpretation.

4. "Electoral district"³ includes a division of an electoral district.

The interpretation of the words "owner of real estate"⁴ in the principal Act shall include a married woman legally or equitably possessed, in her own right and for her separate use, of any lands, tenements, or other hereditaments or other real estate of any tenure whatsoever within this Isle for her own life, or for the life of another, or for any lives whatsoever, or for any larger estate.

¹ This Act is repealed by The House of Keys Election Act, 1924, by which Act the House of Keys Election Acts, 1866 to 1920, are consolidated.

² The House of Keys Election Act, 1866. Vol. III. p. 372.

The House of Keys Election Act, 1881. Vol. V. p. 95.

The House of Keys Election Act, 1883. Id. p. 244.

The House of Keys Election Act, 1891. Vol. VI. p. 232.

The House of Keys Election Act, 1892. Id. p. 379.

The House of Keys Election Amendment Act, 1903. Vol. VII. p. 445.

The House of Keys Election Amendment Act, 1917. Ante p. 241.

³ For the purposes of the House of Keys Election Acts, the Island is divided into eleven electoral districts. See the Act of 1892, sec. 5. [Vol. VI. p. 380.]

⁴ Vol. III. p. 373.

5. From and after the twelfth day of May, 1919, every person not subject to any legal incapacity shall be entitled to be registered as a voter and, when registered, to vote for a member or members to be returned for an electoral district, or division of an electoral district, who is qualified as follows (that is to say) :—

Qualification of voters.

- i. Being, male or female, of full age, is the owner of real estate within the district of the annual value of not less than four pounds; or
- ii. being, male or female, of full age, is the occupier of real estate within the district of the annual value of not less than four pounds : Provided always that no person being only a lessee, or a sub-lessee, or an assignee of any lease shall have a right to vote in any election in respect of his interest in any premises as such lessee, sub-lessee, or assignee unless he shall be in the actual occupation of such premises; or
- iii. being, male or female, of full age, has, on the 12th day of May of the year for which the register of voters is made, and has during the whole of the preceding twelve months, had his usual place of abode in this Isle; or,
- iv. being a male of the age of not less than eighteen years, and having his usual place of abode in this Island, and, not otherwise qualified as a voter, has served with His Majesty's forces during the present war :

Provided always that, notwithstanding anything herein contained, for a period of five years from the termination of the war, no one shall be allowed to vote who has claimed exemption from military service on the grounds of conscientious objection and has refused to do work of national importance.

6. Every person entitled to be registered as a voter under sub-section 3 of section 5 shall be registered in the electoral district in which he has had his usual place of abode during the six months immediately preceding the first day of the month in which the list of voters is prepared.

Place of registration.

Every person entitled to be registered under sub-section 4 of section 5 shall be registered in the electoral district in which he had his usual place of abode during the three months immediately preceding the date on which he was called up for service.

7. The provisions of the principal Act with respect to the registration of voters and of any amendments thereof, shall, so far as the same are applicable, apply to the lists of voters to be made under this Act in like manner as if such lists were made in pursuance of section 23 of the principal Act.

Abolition of plural voting.

8. In case a registered voter qualified under sub-section 3 of section 5 shall take up his residence in an electoral district other than that in which he is registered, he shall send notice thereof to the collector of the district in which he has been registered.

Registered voter to send notice of change of address.

Franchises conferred by this Act to be in addition to existing franchises except where repealed; but no person entitled to vote in same district in respect of more than one qualification.

9. Except in cases of franchises expressly repealed by this Act, the franchises conferred by this Act shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any existing franchises, but so that no person shall be entitled to vote in the same electoral district in respect of more than one qualification; and, subject to the provisions of this Act, all laws, customs, and enactments now in force conferring any right to vote, or otherwise relating to the representation of the people in this Island, and the registration of persons entitled to vote, shall remain in full force, and shall apply as nearly as circumstances admit to any person hereby authorized to vote and of the franchises hereby conferred, and to the registers of voters required to be formed.

Amendments to Act of 1866.

10. In section 23 of the principal Act¹, after the words "qualification and," and at the beginning of the heading of last column in Forms 1 and 2, of the Schedule of principal Act², insert "in case of persons qualified as owners or occupiers of real estate." In Forms 1 and 2 of such Schedule², add after the word "Property," where the same first occurs the words "or place of abode."

Amendment to Act of 1903.

11. In section 5 of the House of Keys Election Amendment Act, 1903³, the figures "1919" are substituted for the figures "1903," hereby repealed.

Douglas collector to deposit copies of list in Douglas Free Library in place of posting up list.

12. Where in the principal Act it is provided that the collector shall post up any list made by him, such posting up, so far as the electoral district of Douglas is concerned, shall be by depositing copies of such lists in the hall of the borough of Douglas Free Library, which lists shall be open for inspection free of charge.

Existing list to be register for any election before 1st September, 1919.

13. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, in case of any election before the 1st day of September, 1919, the list of voters made under the House of Keys Election Acts, 1866 to 1917, shall be the list of voters for the purposes of such election.

Preparation of supplementary list, and provisions as to fixing dates.

14. Should this Act not come into operation until after the 12th May, 1919, a supplementary list containing the names of persons qualified for the first time by virtue of this Act to be registered as voters, shall be made for the year commencing the 1st September, 1918, and with respect to such supplementary list, the Tynwald Court shall by resolution determine the dates within which such supplementary list shall be made and posted up, objections made thereto delivered to the revising advocates, the dates within which the revising courts shall be held, and the date before which the supplementary list shall be made up by the Clerk of the Rolls. The supplementary list so made up along with the annual register made under the House of Keys Election Acts, 1866 to 1917, shall be deemed to be the register of electors entitled to vote in the choice of a member or members to serve in the House of Keys for the sheading or town to which such register relates at any election which may take place after the completion of the supplementary register and before the 1st September, 1920.

Nature of register for elections before 1st September, 1920.

15. A woman shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from being elected or sitting or voting as a member of the House of Keys.

Women not to be disqualified by sex or marriage from membership of House of Keys.

16. This Act shall come into operation when the Royal assent thereto has been by the Lieutenant-Governor announced to Tynwald and a certificate to this effect has been signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

Commencement of Act.

17. This Act shall come into operation when the Royal assent thereto has been by the Lieutenant-Governor announced to Tynwald and a certificate to this effect has been signed by the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys.

¹ Vol. III. p. 377.

² Id. pp. 413 and 414.

³ Vol. VII. p. 447.

SCHEDULE.

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Date of Promulgation.	Short Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
31st January, 1881.	The House of Keys Election Act, 1881.	Section 8. ¹ Schedule 2. ² Sections 4 ³ and 7. ⁴
6th July, 1903.	The House of Keys Election Amendment Act, 1903.	The figures "1903" in section 5. ⁴

S. Stevenson Moore.
Chas. T. O. Callow.

W. Fry, M.G.
J. Sodor & Man.
G. A. Ring, A.G.
Jno. T. Cowell, R.G.
J. Kewley, Archdeacon.
C. T. W. Hughes-Games, V.G.

The Keys.

John R. Kerruish, Speaker.
Mark Carine,
Joseph Garside,
T. F. Quine,
Ambrose Qualtrough,
J. Qualtrough,
A. H. Teare,
G. Fred Clucas,
John W. Walton,
Alfred Christian,
F. S. Dalglish,
W. C. Southward,
E. J. Curphey,
S. Walker-Anderson,
W. F. Cowell,
W. Christian.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of June, 1919.

Royal Assent.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord Steward. Sir Frederick Ponsonby.
Mr. Secretary Shortt. Dr. Addison.

Whereas there was this day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of a Committee of Council, dated the 21st day of June, 1919, in the words following, viz. :—

Your Majesty having been pleased, by Your General Order of Reference of the 31st day of May, 1910, to refer unto this Committee a letter from one of Your Majesty's Under-Secretaries of State, transmitting an Act of Tynwald passed by the Legislature of the Isle of Man on the 15th day of April, 1919, entitled

¹ Vol. V. p. 97.² Id. p. 101.³ Vol. VII. p. 448.⁴ Id. p. 447.