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Amend the Law relating to Boards of Conservators of Fisheries in Ireland. A.D. 1906.

BE it enacted by the King'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.

5     1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Ballot Act, 1906.

Repeal of sections of other Acts.

2. All sections of the Fishery (Ireland) Acts, 1842 to 1906, relating to the election of boards of conservators in Ireland by proxy voting are hereby repealed.

When to take out licence to be entitled to vote.

10     3. Any person purchasing a licence to fish on or after the *first day of July* in any year shall not be entitled to vote for the election of conservators for any division of any district in that year.

Licence distributor, when to furnish information for voters lists.

15     4. Licence distributors for each district or division of a district shall furnish to the board of conservators, at their meeting to be held on the *second Thursday in July* of each year, a full return of the licences issued up to and including the *thirtieth day of June* in such year, with the full name and postal address, which must be where the purchaser shall have  
20     resided for at least one calendar month at the time of such purchase, the money value for which each such licence has been issued, and the letter of the division of the district for which such licence has been issued.

25     5. The licence distributor will only issue one whole licence for the full amount of the licence duty paid for the fishing of weir or weirs with cribs, purses, or other engines and nets from boats or cots on any one several fishery or common of fishery, such owners of fisheries or users of common of fisheries to have the several

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A.D. 1906. engines they propose using written and numbered on the face of their licence, and all such engines to have a corresponding number cut, placed, or fixed in, on, or to each such engine for the capture of fish. Such licence to be produced at the meeting for the election of conservators for the division for which it has been issued. The 5 person who purchased such licence for his own proper use in fishing such weir, weirs, or fishery shall be entitled to ballots, as per scale herein-after mentioned, to use for voting at such election on the day and date named in section nine of this Act for such election to be held. 10

Persons  
voting at  
elections not  
being quali-  
fied so to do.

6. Persons employed by the owners of fisheries or persons who give a part of the fish or part of the value of the fish they capture or any sum of money or any value whatever as hire or otherwise to owners of boats, nets, or other engines, whether lent or hired under any agreement whatever, verbal or otherwise, for the capture 15 of fish, shall not be entitled to vote at such elections. Such persons voting or obtaining voting papers for the purpose of voting under any pretence whatever shall be liable upon conviction by two or more justices of the peace in the district in which such offender may have resided to a penalty of not less than *two pounds* 20 nor more than *five pounds*, and, in default of paying such fine, a term of imprisonment of not less than *one month* nor more than *three months*.

When the  
elections may  
be held.

7. The elections for each division of each district shall be held on the *first Monday in October one thousand nine hundred and* 25 *six*, and on the *first Monday in October* in every third year thereafter.

Duties of  
existing  
boards.

8. The existing board of conservators shall, on each election year, fix the times and places for the meetings of the electors in each electoral division for the election of conservators for such 30 division, and shall give twenty-eight days' notice of same, and of the number of conservators to be elected for each such electoral division, by advertising in three or more issues of two or more newspapers published and circulated in such districts, and by hand bills and posters posted up in the several localities comprised in 35 each division.

Date for  
holding elec-  
tions, who to  
preside.

9. Meetings for the election of conservators shall commence at the hour and on the days named in the advertisements and posters as before mentioned, and be presided over by one of the persons herein-after mentioned; such persons having the right of 40

priority in the order such persons are herein set down (that is to say) :— A.D. 1906.

(a) The mayor of a borough of a city of a county in which the division of a district is situated ;

5 (b) The chairman of the county council in which such division is situated ;

(c) The chairman of a district council in which such division is situated ;

shall preside and receive the votes of the electors who shall be  
10 entitled to votes at such election on the scale herein-after set forth, and no other.

10. Persons entitled as aforesaid to vote at meetings for the election of conservators shall have a vote or votes thereat on the following scale (that is to say), if the licence duty paid shall  
15 not exceed *one pound*, one vote ; shall amount to over *one pound* and not amount to *five pounds*, two votes ; shall amount to *five pounds* and not amount to *ten pounds*, three votes ; shall amount to *ten pounds* and over, four votes ; and no more than four votes shall be registered or cast by the owner of a fishery or any  
20 other person or persons because of licences purchased for fishing on, or the fishing of, such fishery ; (that is to say), there cannot be more than four votes given on account of the property in one fishery possessed by any person or persons.

Persons entitled to vote as per scale.

11. Persons seeking election to act as conservators shall  
25 deliver to the secretary of the board a nomination paper, signed by at least four electors qualified to vote in the division for which such candidate seeks to be elected, and such candidates must themselves be qualified electors at the time of sending in said nomination papers.

Rules to be observed by persons seeking to be elected as conservators.

30 12. The secretary to the board for the time being shall provide ballot papers, with the names of the several candidates duly qualified and nominated as described by this Act printed thereon, placed in the usual manner for placing the names of candidates for election on such papers or ballots, and deliver  
35 the same and also such other documents, matter, and things as may be necessary for the carrying out of such election in a satisfactory manner, to the chairman of the meeting, who shall mark each such ballot by writing his full name on the face of the same in a space specially provided thereon for that purpose,  
40 such ballot papers after being so signed shall be handed by the chairman to each person qualified to vote according to the

Duties of secretary and chairman at elections.

A.D. 1906. provision made and provided by this Act for that purpose, the number of ballots to which such qualified voter is entitled by the amount of licence duty paid by such voter as per scale in section ten of this Act.

Duties of the chairman of the meeting for the election of conservators.

13. The chairman of such meeting shall have power to employ 5 a legal adviser and two others, who, with the said chairman shall, in the presence of those assembled at such meeting, or an adjournment thereof, proceed to count the votes tendered at such meeting, and the said chairman shall declare the persons to the number of members required for the division, who have received the greatest 10 number of legal votes, to be the elected conservators for the division of the district for which such election had been held, and shall certify under his hand the election of each such conservator to the number at present provided for such divisions of districts in Ireland by the several Fishery Acts, 1842 to 1906, 15 and the byelaws made and approved in accordance with the same, and shall furnish to each such elected conservator a certificate which shall be sufficient authority for him to act as such conservator, and shall also, within four days after such election, cause a list of such conservators, with a statement of the residence and 20 post town of each, to be transmitted to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and shall also publish the said list in one or more papers published in such division.

Persons entitled to act as conservators.

14. The persons so declared elected shall, with the mayor of a borough of a county of a city council, the chairman of the 25 county councils, and the chairman of the district councils comprised within the district, and two persons elected by each such council, with the owners of fisheries valued for the relief of the poor in Ireland at *one hundred pounds*, who pay *fifty pounds* in licence duty over and above the amount of the *ten per cent.* rate, 30 payable to the board of conservators of the district, shall constitute the board of conservators for every such district, provided that when a fishery valued for the relief of the poor in Ireland at *one hundred pounds* or over is held or owned by more than one person, one person only in any manner or way interested 35 in or connected with such fishery can act as a conservator. The appointment of such person to represent such fishery, held or owned as above by more than one person, shall be by the power of attorney, which shall be handed in to the secretary of the conservators' board, at a regularly constituted meeting of such 40 board, and recorded in the minutes of such meeting.

15. The boards of conservators as constituted in compliance with the several sections in this Act one to fifteen inclusive, shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges in all matters and things connected with the fisheries of Ireland, had, held, and enjoyed by and invested in the several boards of fishery conservators in Ireland by the several Salmon Fishery (Ireland) Acts, 1842, to the passing of this Act.

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Rights and  
privileges  
invested in  
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16. This Act shall come into operation on the *thirty-first day of August* 1906.

Commence-  
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# Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) (No. 2) Bill.

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