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CHAPTER 65.

An Act to amend the law relating to parliamentary and local government elections and to corrupt and illegal practices, and for purposes connected therewith.
[30th July 1948.]

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 :—

PART I.

PARLIAMENTARY FRANCHISE AND ITS EXERCISE.

Parliamentary franchise and distribution of seats.

1.—(1) Subject to any Order in Council hereafter made under the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1944, there shall for the purpose of parliamentary elections be the county and borough constituencies, each returning a single member, which are described in the First Schedule to this Act, and no other constituencies. Constituencies and electors. 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 41.

(2) The persons entitled to vote as electors at a parliamentary election in any constituency shall be those resident there on the qualifying date who, on that date and on the date of the poll, are British subjects of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity to vote:

Provided that a person shall not be entitled to vote as an elector in any constituency unless registered there in the register of parliamentary electors to be used at the election nor, at a general election, to vote as an elector in more than one constituency.

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PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES.

[NOTE.—The constituencies are described by reference to circumstances as they existed immediately before the end of the year 1947, except as otherwise stated and except that any subsequent accretion from the sea, whether natural or artificial and whether occurring before or after the passing of this Act, shall be taken to be included in the constituency or constituencies which it adjoins, in proportion to the extent of the common boundary.]

PART I.

ENGLAND.

BEDFORDSHIRE.

(a) *County Constituencies*

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Contents.</i>
1. Bedford ...	(i) The borough of Bedford ; (ii) the urban district of Kempston ; (iii) the rural district of Bedford, except the parishes included in the Mid-Bedford- shire constituency.
2. Mid-Bedfordshire...	(i) The urban districts of Ampthill, Biggles- wade and Sandy ; (ii) the rural districts of Ampthill and Biggles- wade and the following parishes in the rural district of Bedford, namely, Car- dington, Colmworth, Cople, Eaton Socon, Eastcotts, Elstow, Great Barford, Kemp- ston Rural, Little Barford, Renhold, Roxton, Stagsden, Stewartby, Wilden, Willington, Wilshamstead and Wootton.
3. South Bedfordshire	(i) The borough of Dunstable and the Lea- grave and Limbury wards of the borough of Luton ; (ii) the urban district of Leighton Buzzard ; (iii) the rural district of Luton.

(b) *Borough Constituency.*

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Contents.</i>
1. Luton ...	.. The borough of Luton, except the Leagrave and Limbury wards.

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4. Monmouth	...	(i) The boroughs of Abergavenny and Monmouth; (ii) the urban districts of Caerleon, Chepstow and Usk; (iii) the rural districts of Abergavenny, Chepstow, Magor and St. Mellons, Monmouth and Pontypool.
5. Pontypool...	...	The urban districts of Blaenavon, Cwmbran and Pontypool.
		(b) <i>Borough Constituency.</i>
1. Newport ...	...	The county borough of Newport.
		MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
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1. Montgomery	...	The county of Montgomery.
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(a) *County Constituencies.*

1. East Aberdeenshire (i) The burghs of Ellon, Fraserburgh, Huntly, Peterhead, Rosehearty and Turriff;
(ii) the districts of Deer, Ellon, Huntly and Turriff.
2. West Aberdeenshire (i) The burghs of Ballater, Inverurie, Kintore and Old Meldrum;
(ii) the districts of Aberdeen, Alford, Deeside and Garioch.

(b) *Burgh Constituencies.*

1. Aberdeen North ... The following wards of the county of the city of Aberdeen, namely, Gilcomston, Greyfriars, St. Clement, St. Machar, St. Nicholas and Woodside.
2. Aberdeen South ... The following wards of the county of the city of Aberdeen, namely, Ferryhill, Holburn, Rosemount, Rubislaw, Ruthrieston and Torry.

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(a) *County Constituencies.*

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| 1. North Angus and Mearns | (i) The county of Kincardine inclusive of all the burghs situated therein ;
(ii) the burghs of Brechin and Montrose ;
(iii) the districts of Brechin and Montrose. |
| 2. South Angus ... | (i) The burghs of Arbroath, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Monifieth ;
(ii) the districts of Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Monifieth. |

(b) *Burgh Constituencies.*

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| 1. Dundee East ... | The first, fourth, fifth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth wards of the county of the city of Dundee. |
| 2. Dundee West ... | The second, third, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth wards of the county of the city of Dundee. |

ARGYLL.

County Constituency.

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| 1. Argyll ... | The county of Argyll inclusive of all the burghs situated therein. |
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AYRSHIRE AND BUTE.

(a) *County Constituencies.*

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| 1. Ayr ... | (i) The burghs of Ayr and Prestwick ;
(ii) the district of Ayr except in so far as included in the Central Ayrshire constituency. |
| 2. Bute and North Ayrshire | (i) The county of Bute inclusive of all the burghs situated therein ;
(ii) the burghs of Ardrossan, Largs and Saltcoats ;
(iii) the district of Saltcoats. |
| 3. Central Ayrshire ... | (i) The burghs of Irvine, Kilwinning, Stewarton and Troon ;
(ii) the districts of Irvine and Kilbirnie, the electoral division of Dundonald in the district of Ayr and the electoral division of Dunlop and Stewarton in the district of Kilmarnock. |
| 4. Kilmarnock ... | (i) The burghs of Kilmarnock, Darvel, Galston and Newmilns and Greenholm ;
(ii) the district of Newmilns and the district of Kilmarnock except in so far as included in the Central Ayrshire constituency. |

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5.	South Ayrshire ...	(i) The burghs of Cumnock and Holmhead, Girvan and Maybole ; (ii) the districts of Cumnock, Dalmellington, Girvan and Maybole.

BANFFSHIRE.

County Constituency.

1.	Banff ...	The county of Banff inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.
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BERWICKSHIRE AND EAST LoTHIAN.

County Constituency.

1.	Berwick and East Lothian	The counties of Berwick and East Lothian inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.
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CAITHNESS AND SUTHERLAND.

County Constituency.

1.	Caithness and Sutherland	The counties of Caithness and Sutherland inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.
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DUMFRIESSHIRE.

County Constituency.

1.	Dumfries ...	The county of Dumfries inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.
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DUNBARTONSHIRE.

County Constituencies.

1.	East Dunbartonshire	(i) The burghs of Clydebank, Kirkintilloch and Milngavie ; (ii) the districts of Cumbernauld, Kirkintilloch and New Kilpatrick.
2.	West Dunbartonshire	(i) The burghs of Dumbarton, Cove and Kilcreggan and Helensburgh ; (ii) the districts of Helensburgh, Old Kilpatrick and Vale of Leven.

FIFE.

(a) *County Constituencies.*

1.	East Fife ...	The burghs of Auchtermuchty, Crail, Cupar, Elie and Earlsferry, Falkland, Kilrenny, Anstruther Easter and Anstruther Wester, Ladybank, Leven, Newburgh, Newport, Pittenweem, St. Andrews, St. Monance and Tayport. The districts of Anstruther, Cupar and St. Andrews and the electoral division of Kennoway and Scoonie in the district of Wemyss.
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2. West Fife ...	... The burghs of Culross, Leslie and Markinch. The districts of Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy and Lochgelly, and the Wemyss district in so far as not included in the East Fife constituency.	
(b) <i>Burgh Constituencies.</i>		
1. Dunfermline	The burghs of Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, burghs Inverkeithing and Lochgelly.	
2. Kirkcaldy	burghs The burghs of Kirkcaldy, Buckhaven and Methil, Burntisland and Kinghorn.	

INVERNESSSHIRE AND ROSS AND CROMARTY.

County Constituencies.

1. Inverness ... The county of Inverness inclusive of all the
burghs situated therein except in so far as
contained within the Western Isles con-
stituency.
2. Ross and Cromarty The county of Ross and Cromarty inclusive of
all the burghs situated therein except in
so far as contained within the Western
Isles constituency.
3. Western Isles ... (i) The burgh of Stornoway ;
(ii) the districts of Barra, Harris, North Uist
and South Uist in the county of
Inverness and the district of Lewis
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KIRKCUDBRIGHTSHIRE AND WIGTOWNSHIRE.

County Constituency.

1. Galloway ... The counties of Kirkcudbright and Wigtown
inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.

LANARKSHIRE.

(a) *County Constituencies.*

1. Bothwell ... The sixth district, the electoral divisions of
Baillieston, Mount Vernon and Carmyle,
Springboig and Garrowhill in the ninth
district and that part of the electoral division
of Old Monkland in the said ninth district
which is bounded on the North by the
city of Glasgow and the burgh of Coatbridge,
on the West by the electoral division of
Baillieston and on the South and East by
the electoral divisions of Tannochside and
Bellshill North.

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2. Hamilton ...	(i) The burgh of Hamilton ; (ii) the electoral divisions of Hamilton, Larkhall North, Larkhall South and Dalserf in the fourth district and the electoral divisions of Stonefield, Blantyre and High Blantyre in the fifth district.
3. Lanark ...	(i) The burghs of Biggar and Lanark ; (ii) the first, second and third districts and, so far as not included in the Hamilton constituency, the fourth and fifth districts.
4. Motherwell ...	(i) The burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw ; (ii) the electoral division of Dalziel-Overtown in the seventh district.
5. North Lanarkshire	The ninth district so far as not included in the Bothwell constituency and the seventh district so far as not included in the Motherwell constituency.
6. Rutherglen ...	(i) The burgh of Rutherglen ; (ii) the eighth district.

(b) *Burgh Constituencies.*

1. Coatbridge and Airdrie The burghs of Coatbridge and Airdrie.
2. Glasgow, Bridgeton The following wards (as constituted by the Local Government (Scotland) (Glasgow Wards and Councillors) Order, 1948, S.I., 1948, No. 876) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Calton and Dalmarnock.
3. Glasgow, Camlachie The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Dennistoun, Provan and that part of Mile-End ward which lies to the west of a line commencing at a point on the northern boundary of the ward immediately opposite the centre line of Millerston Street thence southward to and along the centre line of Millerston Street to the centre line of Gallowgate ; thence eastward along the centre line of Gallowgate to a point opposite the centre line of Fielden Street ; thence southward along the centre line of Fielden

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	Street to the termination of the line on the southern boundary of the Mile-End ward immediately opposite the centre of Fielden Street.	
4. Glasgow, Cathcart	The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Cathcart, Langside and that part of Govanhill ward which is south and east of a line commencing at a point on the western boundary of the ward where it is cut by the centre line of Calder Street ; thence eastward along the centre line of Calder Street to the centre of Polmadie Road ; thence north-eastward along the centre line of Polmadie Road to the termination of the line on the northern boundary of the ward at the centre of the British Railways main line from Glasgow to Rutherglen.	
5. Glasgow Central ...	The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Exchange and Townhead.	
6. Glasgow, Gorbals...	The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Gorbals, Hutchesontown and that part of the Govanhill ward which is not included in the Cathcart constituency.	
7. Glasgow, Govan ...	The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Craigton, Fairfield and that part of Govan ward which lies to the west of a line commencing on the northwest boundary of the ward where it is cut by the centre line of Greenfield Street ; thence southward along the centre line of Greenfield Street to the centre line of Crossloan Road ; thence south-eastward along the centre line of Crossloan Road to the centre line of Craigton Road ; thence southward along the centre line of Craigton Road to the termination of the line at the ward boundary at the junction of Craigton Road and Shieldhall Road.	
8. Glasgow, Hillhead	The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Kelvinside, Partick (West), and that part of Partick (East) ward which is south and west of a line commencing at a point on the ward boundary at the junction of the centre lines of Dowanside Road and Byres Road ;	

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- thence southward along the centre line of Byres Road to the centre line of Ashton Road; thence south-eastward along the centre line of Ashton Road to the centre line of University Avenue; thence eastward along the centre line of University Avenue to a point opposite the centre of the southern end of Oakfield Avenue, thence in an easterly direction in a straight line to a point on the east side of Kelvin Way where the north boundary fence of Kelvingrove Park meets the said Kelvin Way, thence in a generally easterly direction along the north boundary fence of Kelvingrove Park to the southmost limit of Westbank Quadrant, thence in a straight line in a south-easterly direction to the east boundary of the ward at the centre of the River Kelvin.
9. Glasgow, Kelvingrove The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Anderston and Park.
 10. Glasgow, Maryhill The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Maryhill and Ruchill.
 11. Glasgow, Pollok ... The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Camphill, Pollokshaws and Pollokshields.
 12. Glasgow, Scotstoun The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Knightswood, Whiteinch and Yoker.
 13. Glasgow, Shettleston The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Parkhead, Shettleston and Tollcross and that part of Mile-End ward which is not included in the Camlachie constituency.
 14. Glasgow, Springburn The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Cowcaddens, Cowlares and Springburn.
 15. Glasgow, Tradeston The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, Kinning Park, Kingston and that part of Govan ward which is not included in the Govan constituency.
 16. Glasgow, Woodside The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Glasgow, namely, North Kelvin, Woodside and that part of Partick (East) ward which is not included in the Hillhead constituency.

MIDLOTHIAN AND PEEBLESSHIRE.

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(a) *County Constituency.*

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Contents.</i>
1. Midlothian and Peebles.	The counties of Midlothian and Peebles inclusive of all the burghs situated therein except the county of the city of Edinburgh and the burgh of Musselburgh.

(b) *Burgh Constituencies.*

1. Edinburgh Central The following wards (as constituted by the Local Government (Scotland) (Edinburgh Wards) Order, 1948, S.I., 1948, No. 1138) of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, George Square, Holyrood and St. Giles.
2. Edinburgh East ... The burgh of Musselburgh and the following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Craigen-tinny, Craigmillar and Portobello.
3. Edinburgh, Leith The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Central Leith, South Leith and West Leith.
4. Edinburgh North The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Broughton, Calton and St. Andrew's.
5. Edinburgh, Pentlands The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Colinton, Gorgie-Dalry, Merchiston and Sighthill.
6. Edinburgh South The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Liberton, Morningside and Newington.
7. Edinburgh West ... The following wards (as so constituted) of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Corstorphine, Murrayfield-Cramond, St. Bernard's and Pilton.

MORAY AND NAIRNSHIRE.

County Constituency.

1. Moray and Nairn... The counties of Moray and Nairn inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.

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ORKNEY AND ZETLAND.

County Constituency.

1. Orkney and Zetland The counties of Orkney and Zetland inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.

PERTHSHIRE AND KINROSSSHIRE.

County Constituencies.

1. Kinross and West Perthshire (i) The county of Kinross inclusive of the burgh of Kinross ;
(ii) the burghs of Aberfeldy, Auchterarder, Callander, Crieff, Doune, Dunblane and Pitlochry ;
(iii) the Central, Highland and Western districts of the county of Perth.
2. Perth and East Perthshire (i) The burghs of Perth, Abernethy, Alyth, Blairgowrie and Rattray, and Coupar Angus ;
(ii) the Eastern and Perth districts of the county of Perth.

RENFREWSHIRE.

(a) *County Constituencies.*

1. East Renfrewshire (i) The burghs of Barrhead and Renfrew ;
(ii) the first and second districts of the county of Renfrew.
2. West Renfrewshire (i) The burghs of Port Glasgow, Gourrock and Johnstone ;
(ii) the third, fourth and fifth districts of the county of Renfrew.

(b) *Burgh Constituencies.*

1. Greenock ... The burgh of Greenock.
2. Paisley ... The burgh of Paisley.

ROXBURGHSHIRE AND SELKIRKSHIRE.

County Constituency.

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| 1. Roxburgh and Selkirk, | The counties of Roxburgh and Selkirk inclusive of all the burghs situated therein. |

STIRLINGSHIRE AND CLACKMANNANSHIRE.

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(a) *County Constituencies.*

1. Clackmannan and East Stirlingshire. (i) The county of Clackmannan inclusive of all the burghs situated therein ;
(ii) the Eastern No. 1, Eastern No. 2 and Eastern No. 3 districts of the county of Stirling.
2. West Stirlingshire (i) The burghs of Bridge of Allan, Denny and Dunipace and Kilsyth ;
(ii) the Central No. 1, Central No. 2, Western No. 1, Western No. 2 and Western No. 3 districts of the county of Stirling.

(b) *Burgh Constituency.*

1. Stirling and Falkirk The burghs of Stirling, Falkirk and Grange-mouth.

WEST LoTHIAN.

County Constituency.

1. West Lothian ... The county of West Lothian inclusive of all the burghs situated therein.

PART IV.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

(a) *County Constituencies.*

1. North Antrim ... (i) The boroughs of Ballymena and Larne ;
(ii) the urban districts of Ballycastle, Ballymoney and Portrush ;
(iii) the rural districts of Ballycastle, Ballymena and Ballymoney, and the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Larne, namely, Ardclinis, Ballycor, Carncastle, Glenarm North, Glenarm South, Glencloy and Kilwaughter.
2. South Antrim ... (i) The urban districts of Ballyclare, Carrickfergus, Lisburn and Whitehead ;
(ii) the rural districts of Antrim, Belfast and Lisburn and the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Larne, namely, Ballynure, Carrickfergus Rural, Eden, Glynn, Islandmagee North, Islandmagee South, Middle Division, Raloo and Templecorran.