



# Deputy Speaker Act 1855

1855 CHAPTER 84 18 and 19 Vict

An Act to provide for the Performance of certain Duties of the Speaker during his temporary Absence from the House of Commons. [14th August 1855]

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

**1 Acts done, &c. by Deputy Speaker during absence of Speaker valid.**

If at any time during a session of Parliament the Speaker shall be temporarily absent from the House, and a Deputy Speaker shall thereupon perform the duties and exercise the authority of Speaker, pursuant to the standing orders or other order or resolution of that House, every Act done and proceeding taken in or by the House pursuant to any statute shall be as valid and effectual as if the Speaker himself were in the chair; and every act done, and warrant, order, certificate, notice, or other document issued, signed, or published, in relation to any proceedings of the House of Commons, by such Deputy Speaker, shall have the same effect and validity as if the same had been done, issued, signed, or published by the Speaker for the time being.

**2 Deputy Speaker not to appoint to any office.**

Provided, that such Deputy Speaker shall not have power to appoint to any office, except for such time as he shall continue to be Deputy Speaker.

**3 Nothing herein to affect election of Speaker, &c.**

Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall affect the election of a Speaker, or the forms thereof, or any prerogative of Her Majesty concerned therein, or otherwise relating to the office of Speaker.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Deputy Speaker Act 1855.