



Pluralities Acts Amendment Act 1885

CHAPTER 54

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- 1 Short title.
- 2 Construction and interpretation.
- 3 Repeal of so much of section 77 of 1 & 2 Victoria, chapter 106 as, relates to the persons to act as commissioners on inquiries as to inadequate performance of ecclesiastical duties. Persons to act as commissioners on inquiries as to inadequate performance of ecclesiastical duties.
- 4 Deans and chapters or canons of cathedral churches to appoint triennially one of their body to act as a commissioner for the purpose of inquiries as to inadequate performance of ecclesiastical duties.
- 5 Beneficed clergy of every archdeaconry to elect triennially a beneficed clergyman of the archdeaconry to act as commissioner for the purpose of inquiries as to inadequate performance of ecclesiastical duties.
- 6 Attendance of witnesses and production of documents, &c may be compelled.
- 7 Witnesses to be examined on oath, and to be liable to punishment for perjury.
- 8 Bishop may assign extra stipend of seventy pounds to curate appointed by him under section 77 of 1 & 2 Victoria, chapter 106.
- 9 Where incumbent non-resident and population of benefice exceeds two thousand, or there are two or more churches not less than a mile apart, bishop may require two or more curates.
- 10 Bishop may assign to each curate during the vacancy of a benefice a stipend not exceeding two hundred pounds a year or net income of benefice.
- 11 Saving as to certain cases.

- 12 Non-resident incumbent not to return to his benefice or interfere with curate until the expiration of his license of non-residence without bishop's permission.
- 13 Repeal of section 78 of 1 & 2 Victoria, chapter 106.
- 14 Two benefices may be held together by dispensation if churches within four miles of one another, and annual value of one does not exceed two hundred pounds.
- 15 Notices, &c. may be sent by post in registered letter. Service of monitions, &c. where spiritual person out of England, &c.