

the said House in such last mentioned case shall not have entered upon and gone through with such head or division of the said daily routine on such last day, that then, and in every such case, such Petition shall be so presented upon the first day thereafter upon which the said House shall have entered upon and gone through with such head or division of the said daily routine as aforesaid.

When to be presented, if arising out of an election held otherwise than in consequence of the expiration or dissolution of a Parliament, the return being made when Parliament shall not be in session or on one of the last 14 days of a session.

III. And be it enacted, That in the case of every such Election Petition arising out of any Election held otherwise than in consequence of the expiration or dissolution of any Parliament, if the day on which the Return upon such Election shall be brought into the office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery shall be a day on which Parliament shall not be in Session, or shall be one of the last fourteen days of any Session, then, and in every such case, such Petition shall be so presented within the first fourteen days of the Session of Parliament which shall commence and be held next after the day on which such Return shall have been so brought into the said office of the said Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, provided the said House shall on the last of such last mentioned fourteen days have entered upon and gone through with that head or division of the daily routine of the business thereof which consists in the presenting and bringing up of Petitions; and if the said House, in such last mentioned case shall not have entered upon and gone through with such head or division of the said daily routine on such last day, then, and in every such case, such Petition shall be so presented to the House upon the first day thereafter upon which the said House shall have entered upon and gone through with such head or division of the said daily routine as aforesaid.

When to be presented, if Parliament be in session at the time of the return and sit 14 days afterwards.

IV. And be it enacted, That in the case of every Election Petition arising out of an Election held otherwise than in consequence of the expiration or dissolution of any Parliament, if the day on which the Return upon such Election shall be brought into the office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery shall be a day on which Parliament shall be in Session, but not one of the last fourteen days of any such Session, then, and in every such case, such Petition shall be so presented within the first fourteen days next after such return shall have been so brought into the said office of the said Clerk of the Crown in Chancery as aforesaid, provided the said House shall on the last of such fourteen days have entered upon and gone through with the said head or division of the daily routine of the business thereof which consists in the presenting and bringing up of Petitions; and if the said House, in such last mentioned case, shall not have entered upon and gone through with such head or division of the said daily routine on such last day, then, and in every such case, such Petition shall be so presented upon the first day thereafter upon which the said House shall have entered upon and gone through with such head or division of the said daily routine as aforesaid.

Petition may be presented and brought up at any period of the day, as a matter of privilege.

V. And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall preclude the presenting and bringing up of any such Election Petition, as a matter in which the privileges of the House are concerned, during any part of any day on which such Election Petition might be presented and brought up, according to the provisions of the next preceding three sections of this Act, by reason merely of the routine period for presenting and bringing up such Petition for such day having passed, provided the same shall be so presented and brought up at a time and in the manner agreeable in other respects to the orders and practice of the said House.

What shall not be a Session within the meaning of this Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That no Session of Parliament which shall not have lasted for fifteen days at the least, including the day of its meeting and the day of its prorogation, shall be deemed a Session thereof within the meaning of the second, third and fourth sections of this Act or any of them.

Longer periods allowed for presenting petitions complaining of bribery or corruption.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any such Election Petition shall contain any allegation of bribery or corruption, with a specific allegation of any payment of money or other reward having been made by any Member, or on his account, or with his privity, since the time of the return of the Writ under which such Election shall have been held, in pursuance or in furtherance of such bribery or corruption, then, and in every such case, twenty-eight days shall be allowed instead of fourteen days for the presenting of such Petition, which twenty-eight days shall in all such cases be reckoned from the day of such payment