

7. PROCEEDINGS OF SELECT ELECTION COMMITTEES.

LXXVII. And be it enacted, That the House shall refer the Petitions in each case for which a Select Election Committee shall have been so reported by the General Committee of Elections to the Select Committee so appointed and sworn, and shall order the said Select Committee to meet at a certain time to be fixed by the House, which shall be within twenty-four hours of their being sworn at the Table of the House, unless a Sunday or other Statutory Holiday intervene; and the place of their meeting shall be some convenient room or place adjacent to the House properly prepared for that purpose.

Petitions, &c. to be referred to Committee.

Time and place of meeting.

LXXVIII. And be it enacted, That every such Select Committee shall meet at the time and place appointed for that purpose, and shall proceed to try the merits of the Election Petition so referred to them, and they shall sit from day to day, Sundays and other Statutory Holidays only excepted, and shall never adjourn for a longer time than twenty-four hours, unless a Sunday or other Statutory Holiday intervene, and in such case not for more than twenty-four hours, exclusive of such Sunday or other Statutory Holiday, without leave first obtained from the House upon motion and special cause assigned for a longer adjournment; and if the House be sitting at the time to which such Select Committee is adjourned, then the business of the House shall be stayed, and a motion shall be made for a further adjournment, for any time to be fixed by the House; Provided always, that if such Select Committee have occasion to apply or report to the House, and the House be then adjourned for more than twenty-four hours, such Select Committee may also adjourn to the day appointed for the meeting of the House.

Committee shall try the petition, shall not adjourn for more than twenty-four hours without leave, &c.

Proviso.

LXXIX. And be it enacted, That the parties complaining of or defending the election or return complained of in any Election Petition, shall, except in the case provided for, in and by the fifty-eighth section of this Act, or where otherwise directed by order of the Select Committee, appointed to try the validity of such election by themselves or their agents, deliver to the Chairman of such Select Committee lists of the voters intended to be objected to, giving in the said lists the several heads of objection, and distinguishing the same against the names of the voters excepted to, and the said Chairman shall cause such lists to be filed amongst the proceedings of such Committee, open to the inspection of all parties concerned.

Lists of voters objected to, to be delivered and filed.

LXXX. And be it enacted, That when not otherwise directed by order of such Select Committee, the said lists shall and may be so delivered to the said Chairman at any time before six o'clock in the afternoon of the day on which by order of the House such Select Committee shall have been first appointed to meet, provided the said Committee shall have actually met and proceeded with the case on such day, or by the like hour of the first day on which such Committee shall actually meet, and so proceed with the case.

Within what time such lists must be delivered.

LXXXI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any such Select Committee, by an order to be made by them for that purpose, on the first day on which they shall meet and proceed with the case referred to them, or on any day to which the consideration of any application for such an order shall be adjourned, to require the delivery of such lists, in such other manner, at such other place, and to such other person as in their judgment may be more convenient to the parties concerned, or more conducive to the ends of justice, and any such order having been so made by such Select Committee, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee, upon the subsequent consent in writing of the parties to such Election Petition to such Committee varying, altering or modifying such order or the directions therein contained, from time to time to vary, alter or modify the directions contained in such order, either as to time, place or person, as to such Select Committee shall or may from time to time appear more convenient to the parties concerned or more conducive to the ends of justice, and every such order made under the authority of this section shall, for information only, be reported by the said Committee to the House, by the second meeting of the House next after such order shall have been made by such Select Committee, with their reasons for having made the same.

Select Committee may make other order as to delivery of such lists.

Such order to be reported.

LXXXII.