

V. And be it enacted, That the said oath of Allegiance, together with the oath of office or oath for the due exercise of any profession or calling, respectively, shall be and is hereby required to be taken within the same period 5 and in the same manner, and subject to the like disabilities and penalties for the omission thereof, as is now by law provided with respect to the oaths heretofore required to be taken in any case respectively.

The said oath to be taken within the same time, &c. as now by law provided.

VI. And be it enacted, That all such persons as are 10 or shall be allowed by law to affirm instead of swear in civil cases in this Province or any part thereof, shall be received to take an affirmation of Allegiance in the like terms. *mutatis mutandis*, as those herein and hereby prescribed for the said Oath of Allegiance, which affirmation 15 of Allegiance shall in all cases be received and accepted from such persons in lieu of such oath, and the taking of such affirmation of Allegiance before the proper officer shall in the case of all such persons have the like effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever, as if the same had 20 been the said Oath of Allegiance herein and hereby prescribed as aforesaid; and the power to tender and administer such affirmation to all such persons so entitled to take the same, is hereby declared to be vested in all Magistrates and other officers now lawfully authorized or 25 hereafter to be lawfully authorized, either by virtue of their office or by special commission from the Crown for that purpose, to administer the Oath of Allegiance in this Province or any part thereof.

Affirmation may be made instead of an oath, in certain cases.

Its effect.

By whom it may be administered.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall not be necessary 30 for any person for the purpose of qualifying himself to hold office in this Province or any part thereof, or for any other temporal purpose, privilege or advantage, whatsoever within the same or any part thereof, to take or receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to 35 the Rites or Usages of the Church of England, or to deliver a certificate or make proof of his having received the said Sacrament in manner aforesaid; and that no person shall hereafter within this Province or any part thereof, be subject to any penalty, forfeiture, incapacity 40 or disability whatsoever, for or by reason of his not having taken or received the said Sacrament.

No person need take the Sacrament as a qualification for any office.

Nor shall the not taking it subject any person to any penalty.