

Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, by and w<sup>th</sup> the Advice and Consent aforesaid; that there be Select Vestrys, in each Parish of this Province; And that the severall Vestrymen of the Severall Parishes within this Province, That now are or hereafter shall be Chosen, be such select Vestry; Of which Vestry the Number shall always be Six at least. Except upon Death or Resignation or other Discharge of any of them; according to the Provision herein made, To that purpose And in such case of Death or Resignacon or other Legall Discharge from serveing the remaineing part of such Vestrys shall w<sup>th</sup>all convenient Speed Sumon & Appoynt a Generall meeting of all the Inhabitants of the said Parish; Who are ffree holders within the same Parish; and Contribute to the Public Taxes & Charges of the said Parish; who shall by Majority of Voyces Collect and Choose one or more Sober and Discreet Person or persons ffreeholders of each Respective Parish; To supply such Vacansye And such Person or Persons soe Ellected and Chosen; shall take the Vsual oath appoynted by Act of Parliament instead of the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy; And the ffollowing Oaths viz. I doe Solemnly Swear and Declare that I will Justly and truly Execute the trust or Office of a Vestryman of this Parish. According to my best skill and Knowledge; w<sup>th</sup>out Prjudice ffavour or Affecon w<sup>ch</sup> said Oath at the Elleccon of a New Vestry are to be Administred by any Justice of the Peace of the County; City or Place; where such Vestry is who is hereby required and Impowered to Administer the same. And upon Elleccon Afterwards either by A Justice of Peace as aforesaid or the ffirst Vestryman who is hereby likewise required & Impowered to Administer the same; And each person soe Elected and Chosen; shall likewise subscribe the Test; And alsoe the Association and haveing soe Done, and not before shall be Deemed and taken as one of the Vestry. To all intents and purposes. And it is hereby further ordained & Enacted by the Consent and Authority afores<sup>d</sup> that Two new Vestrymen shall be Annually Chosen in the places of Two Others who shall be Left out; To w<sup>ch</sup> purpose all the Inhabitants of every Parish being ffreeholders within the same Parish; And contributeing to the Publick Taxes, and Charges thereof, or such of them as shall think ffit to Attend; shall repaire to their respective Parish Churches, every Year Successively upon Easter Munday. And there by their ffree Choyce, declare what Two Persons shall be Discharged from their being Vestrymen; And Chuse Two others Qualify'd according to this Present Act; in their stead & Room who takeing the Oaths and performing all other things required by this present Act or other the Laws of this Province for Vestrymen; shall

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