



BERMUDA

EMANCIPATION ACT 1834

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WHEREAS it is expedient to relieve free blacks and free persons of colour, from certain disabilities, liabilities and restrictions to which they are now subject, to extend to them the laws now applicable to white persons, and to fix the qualifications for voters and the electors, and for candidates for certain offices and places of trust:

Be it therefore, enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly of the Bermudas or Somers Islands as follows:

Extension of rights, privileges and franchises

1 All rights, privileges and franchises which upon and from and after 1 August 1834, shall or may be enjoyed by white persons, shall, upon, from and after 1 August 1834, be equally enjoyed by free black and coloured persons; and upon, from and after 1 August 1834, all free black and coloured persons shall be subject to and liable to all the pains, penalties, duties, conditions, restrictions, disabilities and liabilities to which white persons shall be subject and liable.

Qualification for voting in municipal election

2 *[Repealed by 2013 : 39 s. 11.]*

*[Section 2 repealed by 2013 : 39 s. 11 effective 7 May 2015]*

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Qualification for Alderman or Common Councillor of municipality

3 *[Repealed by 2013 : 39 s. 11.]*

*[Section 3 repealed by 2013 : 39 s. 11 effective 7 May 2015]*

Qualification to vote for vestryman or churchwarden

4 *[Repealed by 1971 : 116 s. 14.]*

*[Section 4 repealed by 1971 : 116 s. 14 effective 1 January 1972]*

Qualification for vestryman or churchwarden

5 *[Repealed by 1971 : 116 s. 14.]*

*[Section 5 repealed by 1971 : 116 s. 14 effective 1 January 1972]*

Abolition of jury de medietate linguae

6 From and after 1 August 1834 no jury de medietate linguae shall be allowed by any Court of Judicature in Bermuda, nor shall any challenge or exception be allowed for want of any jury de medietate linguae.

[Assent Date: 10 February 1834]

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*[Amended by:*

1896 : 5

1901 : 39

1928 : 22

1951 : 78

1952 : 11

1961 : 146

1971 : 116

2013 : 39]