

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1759, and in the 33<sup>d</sup> year of His Majesty's Reign.*

33 George II – Chapter 10 (Session 2)

**An Act for the better and more effectual Establishment of the Church of England in this Province.**

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor, council, and assembly, and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that hereafter when any church, chapel, or place of worship shall be erected in any part of this province, for the celebration of divine service, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency the governor or commander in chief, with the advice and consent of His Majesty's council, to prescribe limits and allot a certain district, which shall be the parish of the church so erected; and it shall and may be lawful for the inhabitants or persons residing within the said district, to meet for the choice of church-wardens, vestry, and parish officers, which choice shall be made yearly, and at the same time and manner as is prescribed already for the parish of St. Paul's in Halifax; and all meetings, acts and proceedings of the parishioners, church-wardens, vestry, and parish-officers of said parish so erected, in behalf of the said church and parish, shall be according to the rules and regulations set forth for St. Paul's Church in Halifax, in an act intituled, "An Act for the Establishment of Religious publick Worship in this Province, and for the suppressing of Popery." And the said church-wardens and vestry are hereby impowered to act in the same manner, in all cases as is prescribed in said act.

And be it further enacted, that the church-wardens of every parish within the province, together with the overseers of the poor, shall have and exercise the same powers and authorities in every respect as are given to the overseers of the poor, by an act intituled, "An Act for regulating and maintaining an House of Correction or Workhouse within the Town of Halifax, and for binding out poor Children;" and also by an act intituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor in the Town of Halifax."