



# Simony Act 1688

## 1688 CHAPTER 16 1 Will and Mar

An Act that the Simoniacall Promotion of one Person may not prejudice another.

Whereas it hath often happened that persons Simoniack or Simoniacally promoted to Benefices or Ecclesiasticall Liveings have enjoyed the benefitt of such Liveings many yeares and some times all their Life-time by reason of the secret carriage of such Simoniacall dealing and after the death of such Simoniack person another person innocent of such Crime and worthy of such Preferment being presented or promoted by another Patron innocent alsoe of that Simoniacall Contract have beene troubled and removed upon pretence of Lapse (or otherwise) to the prejudice of the innocent Patron in Reversion and of his Clerke whereby the Guilty goe away with profitt of his Crime and the innocent succeeding Patron and his Clerke are punished contrary to all reason and good Conscience For prevention whereof Bee it enacted by the King and Queens most excellent Majesties by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spirituall and Temporall and Comons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authoritie of the same

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

C1 Short title given by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Simony Act 1688, Introductory Text.