



Calendar (New Style) Act 1750

1750 CHAPTER 23 24 Geo 2

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An Act for regulating the Commencement of the Year, and for correcting the Calendar now in use.

Whereas the legal supputation of the year of our Lord in England, according to which the year beginneth on the twenty-fifth day of March, hath been found by experience to be attended with divers inconveniences, not only as it differs from the usage of neighbouring nations, but also from the legal method of computation in Scotland, and from the common usage throughout the whole kingdom, and thereby frequent mistakes are occasioned in the dates of deeds and other writings, and disputes arise therefrom: And whereas the calendar now in use throughout all his Majesty's British dominions, commonly called The Julian Calendar, hath been discovered to be erroneous, by means whereof the vernal or spring equinox, which at the time of the general council of Nice in the year of our Lord three hundred and twenty-five happened on or about the twenty-first day of March, now happens on the ninth or tenth day of the same month; and the said error is still increasing, and if not remedied would in process of time occasion the several equinoxes and solstices to fall at very different times in the civil year from what they formerly did, which might tend to mislead persons ignorant of the said alteration: And whereas a method of correcting the calendar in such manner as that the equinoxes and solstices may for the future fall nearly on the same nominal days on which the same happened at the time of the said general council hath been received and established, and is now generally practised by almost all other nations of Europe: And whereas it will be of general convenience to merchants and other persons corresponding with other nations and countries, and tend to prevent mistakes and disputes in or concerning the dates of letters and accounts, if the like correction be received and established in his Majesty's dominions:

Textual Amendments

- F1 Act repealed in so far as it requires the observance of January 30, May 29, October 23 and November 5 by the Act 22 Vict. c. 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
C2 Act amended (*prosp.*) by [Easter Act 1928 \(c. 35\)](#), **ss. 1, 2(2)**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Calendar (New Style) Act 1750, Introductory Text. (See end of Document for details)

C3 Act amended by 25 Geo. 2. c. 30.

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