

Succession to the Crown (No. 2) Bill

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Make provision about succession to the Crown and about Royal marriages.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Succession to the Crown

- (1) In determining the line of succession to the Crown and to all rights, privileges and dignities belonging thereto no account shall be taken of gender, notwithstanding any previous custom or rule of law to the contrary.
- (2) This section is subject to the Act of Settlement (1700 c. 2). 5

2 Roman Catholic consorts

- (1) The Bill of Rights (1 Will. & Mar. Sess. 2 c. 2) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1, in the paragraph starting “Upon which their said Majestyes did accepte the crowne”, omit the words “or shall marry a papist” and “or marrying” 10
- (3) The Act of Settlement is amended as follows.
- (4) In section 2 (The persons inheritable by this Act, holding communion with the church of Rome, incapacitated as by the former Act; to take the oath at their coronation, according to Stat 1, W & M c 6), omit the words “or shall marry a papist”. 15
- (5) The Union with Scotland Act 1706 (c. 11) is amended as follows.
- (6) In Article II (Succession to the monarchy), omit the words “and persons marrying papists” and the words “or person marrying a papist”.
- (7) The Union with England Act 1707 (c. 7) is amended as follows.
- (8) In Article II, omit the words “and persons marrying papists” and the words “or person marrying a papist”. 20

3 Royal marriages

The Royal Marriages Act 1772 (12 Geo. 3 c. 11) is repealed.

4 Effect

- (1) This Act does not affect any succession to the Crown before the date on which this Act was passed. 5
- (2) This Act affects the order of succession to the Crown in the event of the death of Her present Majesty.

5 Repeals

The Schedule sets out repeals.

6 Short title and extent 10

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Succession to the Crown Act 2005.
- (2) This Act extends to the United Kingdom only.

SCHEDULE

Section 5

REPEALS

<i>Short title and chapter</i>	<i>Extent of repeal</i>	
Bill of Rights (1 Will. & Mar. Sess. 2 c. 2)	In section 1, the words “or shall marry a papist” and “or marrying”.	5
Act of Settlement (1700 c. 2)	In section 2, the words “or shall marry a papist”.	
Union with Scotland Act 1706 (c. 11)	In Article II, the words “and persons marrying papists” and the words “or person marrying a papist”.	
Union with England Act 1707 (c. 7)	In Article II, the words “and persons marrying papists” and the words “or person marrying a papist”.	10
Royal Marriages Act 1772 (12 Geo. 3 c. 11)	The whole Act.	

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