



City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Act 1996

1996 CHAPTER iv

An Act to enable the approval of premises within the City of London (including the Temples) for the solemnization of civil marriages; and for connected purposes. [18th July 1996]

WHEREAS—

- (1) The common council are responsible for providing the registration service for births, marriages and deaths within the City of London:
- (2) It is expedient that the common council should be empowered to approve premises within the city for the solemnization of marriages pursuant to section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949:
- (3) By ancient custom the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple and the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple exercise powers within the areas of the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple respectively (“the Temples”) concerning (inter alia) the regulation and governance of the Temples:
- (4) The Master of the Temple as holder from the Crown of the office of incumbent of the Temple Church exercises within the Temple those special privileges of the Crown which relate to his office:
- (5) The objects of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and 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 Short title

This Act may be cited as the City of London (Approved Premises for Marriage) Act 1996.