

together with the costs of the said action, according to the due course of law: Provided always that the validity of such certificate shall not be called in question in any Court.

6. In every case it shall be lawful for any person from whom the amount of such costs has been so recovered to recover from the other persons, or any of them, who are liable to the payment of such costs a proportionate share thereof, according to the number of persons so liable, and according to the extent of the liability of each person.

Persons paying costs may recover a proportion from other persons liable thereto.

7. When a Bill is not promoted by a company already formed, all persons whose names shall appear in such Bill as promoting the same, and, in the event of the Bill passing, the company thereby incorporated, shall be deemed to be the promoters of such Bill for all the purpose of this Act.

Definition of "promoters."

SCHEDULE.

FEES AND COSTS.

(a.) The scale of fees to be paid by parties promoting private Bills shall be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
On the first reading	10	0	0
On the second reading	10	0	0
On the third reading	5	0	0

The said fees shall be paid to the Treasury, to the credit of the Library Fund, at the respective stages of the Bill in the House in which the Bill shall have been introduced, and a certificate of the due payment of such fees shall be produced to the Clerk of such House at each stage of the Bill; and the Bill shall be stopped by the Speaker of such House at any stage if any fee then due is unpaid.

As to Local Bills.

(b.) Costs shall be allowed when certified by the Chairman of Local or Private Bills Committee, upon the following scale:—

Costs of solicitor promoting opposed local Bill, such a sum as Chairman shall certify, not to exceed £10 10s., exclusive of costs of advertising and sums paid out of pocket for expenses of witnesses, according to the scale agreed to by the Speakers of both Houses, 3rd August, 1882 (whose attendance shall be certified as necessary by Chairman), for services of notices and for fees of Parliament.

(c.) If Bill unopposed, fee of solicitor not to exceed £5 5s., exclusive of sums paid out of pocket, as in last paragraph.

(d.) In case of an opposed Bill, Committee to report whether opponents entitled to costs. If Committee so report, Chairman to certify for a sum not exceeding £10 10s., exclusive of sums paid out of pocket, to be certified as necessary by the Chairman.

As to Private Bills.

(e.) Costs of solicitor promoting opposed private Bills, such a sum as Chairman shall certify, not exceeding £70, exclusive of costs of advertising and sums paid out of pocket for expenses of witnesses, according to the scale agreed to by the Speakers of both Houses, 3rd August, 1882 (whose attendance shall be certified as necessary), for service of notices and for fees of Parliament.

(f.) If private Bill unopposed, solicitor's fee not to exceed £20, exclusive of sums paid out of pocket, as before provided.

(g.) The Committee to report whether opponents entitled to costs. If the Committee so report, Chairman to certify for a sum not exceeding £50, exclusive of witnesses' expenses and other payments out of pocket, as certified.

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