

The Oaths Act, 1873

Sec.-11: Evidence conclusive as against person offering to be bound.—The evidence so given shall, as against the person who offered to be bound as aforesaid, be conclusive proof of the matter stated.

Sec.-12: Procedure in case of refusal to make oath.—If the party or witness refuses to make the oath or solemn affirmation referred to in section 8, he shall not be compelled to make it, but the Court shall record, as part of the proceedings, the nature of the oath or affirmation proposed, the facts that he was asked whether he would make it, and that he refused it, together with any reason which he may assign for his refusal.

CHAPTER V MISCELLANEOUS

Sec.-13: Proceedings and evidence not invalidated by omission of oath or irregularity.—No omission to take any oath or make any affirmation, no substitution of any one for any other of them, and no irregularity whatever, in the form in which any one of them is administered, shall invalidate any proceeding or render inadmissible any evidence whatever, in or in respect of which such omission, substitution or irregularity took place, or shall affect the obligation of a witness to state the truth.

Sec.-14: Persons giving evidence bound to state the truth.—Every person giving evidence on any subject before any Court or person hereby authorized to administer oaths and affirmations shall be bound to state the truth on such subject.

Sec.-15: Repealed. [Repealed by the Repealing Act, 1938 (Act No. I of 1938).]

Sec.-16: Official oaths abolished.—Subject to the provisions of sections 3 and 5, no person appointed to any office shall, before entering on the execution of the duties of his office, be required to make any oath, or to make or subscribe any affirmation or declaration whatever.

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