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Make provision for the Ports Act 1991 to cease to have effect or application in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes.

**B**E 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 Schemes to be subject to local referendum**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall not make an order making, or confirming, a scheme under Part 1 of the Ports Act 1991 unless the scheme has been previously approved by a local referendum.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall make regulations governing the procedure by which local referenda shall be held for the purposes of subsection (1). 5
- (3) Regulations made under subsection (2) shall be made by statutory instrument; but no such instrument shall be made unless a draft has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (4) In drafting regulations under subsection (2), the Secretary of State shall have regard to the provisions made by virtue of Chapter 4ZA of Part 1 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (inserted by Schedule 5 to the Localism Act 2011). 10

**2 Expenses**

*Any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in holding local referenda under section 1 shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament.* 15

**3 Short title and extent**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Ports Act 1991 (Amendment) Act 2013.
- (2) This Act applies to England and Wales only.

# Ports Act 1991 (Amendment) Bill

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*Presented by Charlie Elphicke.*

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*Ordered, by The House of Commons,  
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