



SUPPLEMENT TO THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday 18 June 2015

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE  
PROCEEDINGS

EUROPEAN UNION REFERENDUM BILL

[SECOND DAY]

CLAUSE 2; NEW CLAUSES AND NEW SCHEDULES RELATING TO THE SUBJECT MATTER  
OF CLAUSE 2; CLAUSE 5; NEW CLAUSES AND NEW SCHEDULES RELATING TO THE  
SUBJECT MATTER OF CLAUSE 5

Alex Salmond  
Angus Robertson  
Stephen Gethins  
Hywel Williams  
Mike Weir  
Ms Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh

Tommy Sheppard  
Keith Vaz

Joanna Cherry  
Mark Durkan

Caroline Lucas

*Negated on division 18*

Clause 2, page 1, line 17, leave out from “electors” to the end of line 12 on page 2 and insert—

- “at a local government election in any electoral area in Great Britain, or  
(b) the persons who, on the date of the referendum, would be entitled to vote as electors at a local government election in any electoral area in Northern Ireland.”

Ms Harriet Harman  
Hilary Benn  
Ms Rosie Winterton  
Mr Pat McFadden  
Heidi Alexander  
Mike Gapes

Tom Brake  
Mark Durkan

Greg Mulholland

Dr Sarah Wollaston

*Negated on division 1*

Clause 2, page 1, line 17, at end insert “and persons who would be so entitled except for the fact that they will be aged 16 or 17 on the date on which the referendum is to be held”.

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 European Union Referendum Bill, *continued*

Mike Gapes  
Tom Brake  
Keith Vaz  
Greg Mulholland

*Not called* 51

Clause 2, page 1, line 17, leave out “parliamentary” and insert “local government”

Stephen Phillips

*Not called* 12

Clause 2, page 2, line 9, after “Commonwealth citizens”, insert “or citizens of the Republic of Ireland”

Ms Harriet Harman  
Hilary Benn  
Ms Rosie Winterton  
Mr Pat McFadden  
Heidi Alexander  
Mike Gapes

Tom Brake

Greg Mulholland

Dr Sarah Wollaston

*Not called* 2

Clause 2, page 2, line 12, at end insert “and persons who would be so entitled except for the fact that they will be aged 16 or 17 on the date on which the referendum is to be held”.

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Angus Robertson  
Stephen Gethins  
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Mike Weir  
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Tommy Sheppard  
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Mark Durkan

Caroline Lucas

*Not called* 19

Clause 2, page 2, line 16, at end add—

- “(3) A person is entitled to vote in the referendum if, on the date on which the poll at the referendum is held, the person is aged 16 or over and registered in—
- (a) the register of local government electors, or
  - (b) the register of young voters maintained under section (*Register of young voters*) for any such area.”

Mike Gapes  
Keith Vaz

*Not called* 52

Clause 2, page 2, line 16, at end add—

- “(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended, or of any other statute, a British citizen resident overseas in a country within the European Union will be eligible:
- (a) to register to vote and
  - (b) to vote in the referendum
- irrespective of the length of time that the citizen has been resident overseas.”

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**European Union Referendum Bill, *continued***

*Clauses 2 and 5 agreed to.*

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Alex Salmond  
 Angus Robertson  
 Stephen Gethins  
 Hywel Williams  
 Mike Weir  
 Ms Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh

Tommy Sheppard  
 Mark Durkan

Joanna Cherry

Caroline Lucas

*Not called* **NC2**

To move the following Clause—

**“Register of young voters**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, each registration officer must prepare and maintain, for the officer’s area, a register to be known as the register of young voters.
- (2) The register must contain—
  - (a) the names of the persons appearing to the registration officer to be entitled to be registered in the register, and
  - (b) in relation to each person registered in it, the person’s—
    - (i) date of birth,
    - (ii) (except where otherwise provided by an applied enactment) qualifying address, and
    - (iii) voter number.
- (3) Subsection (2) is subject to section 9B of the 1983 Representation of the People Act (anonymous registration).
- (4) A person’s qualifying address is the address in respect of which the person is entitled to be registered in the register.
- (5) A person’s voter number is such number (with or without any letters) as is for the time being allocated by the registration officer to the person for the purposes of the register.
- (6) A person is entitled to be registered in the register of young voters for any area if, on the relevant date, the person—
  - (a) is not registered in the register of local government electors for the area,
  - (b) meets the requirements (apart from any requirement as to age) for registration in the register of local government electors for the area, and
  - (c) has attained the age of 16, or will attain that age on or before the date on which the poll at an independence referendum is to be held.
- (7) In the case of a person who has not yet attained the age of 16—
  - (a) the person’s entry in the register must state the date on which the person will attain the age of 16, and
  - (b) until that date, the person is not, by virtue of the entry, to be taken to be a voter for the purposes of any independence referendum other than one the date of the poll at which is on or after that date.
- (8) Where a person to whom subsection (7) applies has an anonymous entry in the register, the references in that subsection to the person’s entry in the register are to be read as references to the person’s entry in the record of anonymous entries.

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- (9) In this section, “the relevant date” mean the date on which an application for registration in the register of young voters is made (or the date on which such an application is treated as made by virtue of section 10A(2) of the 1983 Act).”

*CLAUSES 4 AND 6 TO 11; REMAINING NEW CLAUSES; REMAINING NEW SCHEDULES;  
REMAINING PROCEEDINGS ON THE BILL*

John McDonnell

*Withdrawn* 48

Clause 4, page 2, line 30, at end insert—

- “(aa) the provision made under subsection (1)(a) shall include making arrangements to allow all those entitled to vote in the referendum to vote by electronic means.”

Ms Harriet Harman  
Hilary Benn  
Ms Rosie Winterton  
Mr Pat McFadden  
Heidi Alexander

*Negated on division* 3

Clause 4, page 2, line 39, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

- “(2) The referendum shall not be held on the same day as:
- (a) elections to the Scottish Parliament;
  - (b) elections to the National Assembly for Wales;
  - (c) elections for the Mayor of London; or
  - (d) local authority elections”.

Sir William Cash  
Mr Owen Paterson  
Mr Steve Baker  
Mr Nigel Dodds  
Kelvin Hopkins  
Kate Hoey

Graham Stringer  
Mr Nigel Evans  
Jim Shannon  
Mr Christopher Chope  
Mr Douglas Carswell

Mr Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Liam Fox  
Mr David Nuttall  
Mr David Burrowes  
Mr Andrew Turner

John Redwood  
Mr Richard Bacon  
Mr Peter Bone  
Richard Drax

*Not called* 7

Clause 4, page 2, line 39, leave out subsection (2) and insert—

- “(2) The referendum shall not be held on the same day as elections, other than by-elections, that are scheduled to take place for:
- (a) the Scottish Parliament;
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales;
  - (c) the Northern Ireland Assembly;
  - (d) the Gibraltar Parliament;
  - (e) Police and Crime Commissioners in England and Wales;
  - (f) the London Assembly and Mayor of London; or

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(g) local authorities and mayors in the United Kingdom and Gibraltar.”

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Sir Gerald Howarth

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Mr Peter Bone  
Richard Drax

*Not called* 8

Clause 6, page 3, line 37, at end add—

“(5) Regulations made under this Act or the 2000 Act in respect of the referendum must be made and come into force not less than six months before the start of the referendum period.”

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Stephen Phillips

*Not called* 13

Clause 8, page 4, line 15, at end insert—

““Commonwealth citizens” does not include citizens of any country which has terminated its membership of the Commonwealth or which has been wholly or partly suspended from the Councils of the Commonwealth by the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group.”

*Clauses 4 and 6 to 11 agreed to.*

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Mr Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Liam Fox  
Mr David Nuttall  
Mr David Burrowes  
Sir Gerald Howarth

*Not called* NC1

To move the following Clause—

**European Union Referendum Bill, *continued*****“Impartiality of broadcasters**

- (1) Notwithstanding any enactment or legal instrument, before the start of the referendum period the Secretary of State shall by regulations make provision to ensure the impartiality of broadcasters during the referendum period.
- (2) Regulations made under this section must include provision for the appointment by the Secretary of State of a referendum broadcasting adjudicator.
- (3) Regulations made under this section must require the referendum broadcasting adjudicator
  - (a) to draw up and publish guidance applicable to the referendum to ensure the impartiality of broadcasters during the referendum period, notwithstanding any relevant guidance currently in force or in draft; and
  - (b) to make arrangements by which an allegations of breach of the guidance on impartiality can be referred to and determined by the adjudicator and where an allegation, in the adjudicator’s view, is vexatious or frivolous to dismiss the allegation.
- (4) Guidance published under subsection (3)(a) shall apply to—
  - (a) the holder of a licence under the Broadcasting Act 1990 or 1996 and
  - (b) the British Broadcasting Corporation.
- (5) Regulations made under this section shall require the referendum broadcasting adjudicator within one day of receipt of an allegation that a broadcaster has breached the guidance on impartiality to determine whether the guidance has been breached and publish its determination and, where a breach has taken place, to require the broadcaster to remedy the breach within one day.
- (6) Regulations made under this section are to be made by statutory instrument which is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

*Bill, as amended, to be reported.*

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