



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Friday 27 November 2015

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

Amendments tabled since the last publication: 2 to 3

CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVOLUTION BILL [*LORDS*], AS AMENDED

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date, and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.

NEW CLAUSES

Mr Graham Allen

NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Local Government Constitutional Convention

- (1) A convention is to be held to consider and make recommendations on the constitution of local government in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The Secretary of State must make regulations to—
 - (a) appoint a day on which the convention must commence its operations;
 - (b) make fair and transparent rules about how the convention is to operate and how evidence is to be adduced;
 - (c) make further provision about the terms of reference prescribed under section (Local Government Constitutional Convention: terms of reference); and

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- (d) specify how those who are to be part of the convention are to be chosen in accordance with section (Local Government Constitutional Convention: composition).
- (3) The date appointed under subsection (2)(a) must not be later than 31 December 2016.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause creates the means by which every UK citizen can engage in a national public discussion of devolution local government, governance and electoral systems and make recommendations and receive a response from government and parliament to that national debate.

Mr Graham Allen

NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Local Government Constitutional Convention: terms of reference

The convention must consider the following terms of reference—

- (a) the devolution of legislative and fiscal competence to local authorities within the United Kingdom;
- (b) the reform of the electoral system for local government;
- (c) constitutional matters relating to local government to be considered in further conventions; and
- (d) procedures to govern the consideration and implementation of any future constitutional reforms in relation to local government.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause creates the means by which every UK citizen can engage in a national public discussion of devolution local government, governance and electoral systems and make recommendations and receive a response from government and parliament to that national debate.

Mr Graham Allen

NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Local Government Constitutional Convention: recommendations

- (1) The Local Government Constitutional Convention must publish recommendations within the period of one year beginning with the day appointed under section (Local Government Constitutional Convention).
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay responses to each of the recommendations before each House of Parliament within six months beginning with the day on which the recommendations are published.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause creates the means by which every UK citizen can engage in a national public

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discussion of devolution local government, governance and electoral systems and make recommendations and receive a response from government and parliament to that national debate.

Mr Graham Allen

NC4

To move the following Clause—

“Local Government Constitutional Convention: composition

- (1) The Local Government Constitutional Convention must be composed of representatives of the following—
 - (a) registered political parties within the United Kingdom,
 - (b) local authorities, and
 - (c) the nations and regions of the United Kingdom.
- (2) At least 50% of the members of the convention must not be employed in a role which can reasonably be considered to be political.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause creates the means by which every UK citizen can engage in a national public discussion of devolution local government, governance and electoral systems and make recommendations and receive a response from government and parliament to that national debate.

Mr Graham Allen

NC5

To move the following Clause—

“Commission on devolution of fiscal powers and taxation

- (1) The Secretary of State shall appoint a commission on devolution of fiscal powers and taxation to local authorities.
- (2) The Commission shall consider the following issues—
 - (a) the desirability, impact and process necessary to implement an Income Tax rate of 10p in the pound on English tax payers;
 - (b) the desirability, impact and process necessary to give English Councils the same fiscal and taxation powers as those devolved to the Scottish Parliament in the 2012 Scotland Act, and
 - (c) any other issues that the Commission considers relevant.
- (3) The Commission shall produce a report covering the issues listed in subsection (2) no later than 31 December 2017, and shall make such recommendations to the Secretary of State as it deems necessary.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause would establish a Commission to consider the possibility of England local authorities being granted the same fiscal and taxation powers already devolved to Scotland in the Scotland Act 2012.

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Mr Graham Allen

NC6

To move the following Clause—

“Constitutional Convention

A convention is to be held to consider and make recommendations on the constitution of the United Kingdom, commencing its operation no later than 31 December 2016.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would establish a national public discussion on the renewal of the UK democracy.

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Mr Nigel Evans

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Andrew Rosindell
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Mr Peter Bone
Dr James Davies
Mr Philip Hollobone

Mr Christopher Chope
Bob Stewart

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★ Clause 2, page 2, line 13, at end insert—

“(2A) An order under subsection (1) may not be made unless the proposition that the combined authority have a mayor is approved by a referendum of the electorate of that combined authority.

(2B) The Secretary of State shall, by regulations, establish the procedures to be followed in conducting a referendum under subsection 2A.

(2C) Before making a regulation under subsection 2B, the Secretary of State must consult the Electoral Commission.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The intention of this amendment is that elected mayors will be introduced only if that proposal has been approved by a referendum of the residents of the combined authority. The rule for the conduct for such a referendum shall be made by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Electoral Commission.

Mr Graham Allen

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Clause 15, page 17, line 7, at end insert—

“() all local authorities in a mayoral combined authority commencing a community governance review of their whole local authority area within two years of this Act coming into force.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment introduces further measures to support the creation of new local councils with

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mayoral and combined authorities required to conduct a community governance review within two years of the Act coming into force.

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★ Schedule 1, page 37, line 3, leave out paragraphs 4 and 5 and insert—

“4 (1) The mayor is to be returned under the simple majority system.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require the mayors of combined authorities to be elected using the simple majority system, also known as “first past the post”.

ORDER OF THE HOUSE [14 OCTOBER 2015]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill [*Lords*]:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Proceedings in Committee

2. Proceedings in Committee of the Whole House shall be completed in two days.
3. The proceedings shall be taken on the days shown in the first column of the Table and in the order so shown.
4. The proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the times specified in the second column of the Table.

TABLE

Proceedings

Time for conclusion of proceedings

First day

Clauses 1 and 2; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of Clauses 1 and 2; Clause 3; Schedule 1; Clause 4; new Clauses and new Schedules relating to the subject matter of Clauses 3 and 4;

Two and a half hours after commencement of proceedings on the Bill

