

# House of Lords (Exclusion of Hereditary Peers) Bill

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Amend the House of Lords Act 1999 to remove the by-election system for the election of hereditary peers; to provide for the exclusion of hereditary peers from the House of Lords over time; 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 Removal of by-election system**

- (1) The House of Lords Act 1999 is amended as follows.
- (2) At the end of section 1 (exclusion of hereditary peers), insert “except a person who was a member of the House of Lords on the day before the House of Lords (Exclusion of Hereditary Peers) Act 2017 was passed”. 5
- (3) Omit section 2 (exception from section 1).
- (4) In section 3(2) (removal of disqualifications in relation to the House of Commons), for “excepted from section 1 by virtue of section 2” substitute “who is a member of the House of Lords by virtue of section 1”.
- (5) In section 5(2) (commencement and transitional provision), for “who,” to the end substitute “was a member of the House of Lords on the day before the House of Lords (Exclusion of Hereditary Peers) Act 2017 was passed”. 10
- (6) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, for ““is excepted from section 1 of the House of Lords Act 1999 by virtue of section 2 of the of that Act”” substitute ““is a member of the House of Lords by virtue of section 1 of the House of Lords Act 1999””. 15

**2 Exclusion of hereditary peers**

- (1) The House of Lords Act 1999 is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit sections 2 (exception from section 1) and 3(2) (removal of disqualifications in relation to the House of Commons). 20

**3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act extends to the England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), this Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) Section 1 ceases to have effect at the end of the session in which 31 December 2019 falls. 5
- (4) Section 2 has effect from the beginning of the session after the session in which 31 December 2019 falls.
- (5) This Act may be cited as the House of Lords (Exclusion of Hereditary Peers) Act 2017. 10

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