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OVERSEAS ELECTORS BILL

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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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.

Philip Davies

NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Prompt to register as an overseas elector

- (1) If the registration officer receives information that leads him or her to believe that a registered elector has moved, or is going to move, outside the United Kingdom, the registration officer shall contact that elector to prompt him or her to register as an overseas elector.
 - (2) The Electoral Commission may issue guidance for contact under subsection (1).”
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Philip Davies

NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Registration as an overseas elector and donations to registered political parties

- (1) The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 is amended as follows.

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- (2) In section 54 (permissible donors), in paragraph (2)(a), for “registered in an electoral register” substitute—
- “resident in the United Kingdom and registered in an electoral register;
- (aa) an overseas elector and registered in an electoral register at the time of the donation;”
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Philip Davies

NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Report on awareness of how to participate in elections as an overseas elector

- (1) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State must publish a report on levels of awareness of how to participate in parliamentary elections as a UK elector among—
- (a) persons entitled to vote as an overseas elector under the provisions of this Act, and
- (b) overseas electors in general.
- (2) The report shall consider awareness of—
- (a) the law governing entitlement to qualify and vote as an overseas elector,
- (b) the processes of registering and voting, and
- (c) other matters as the Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State sees fit.
- (3) The report shall set out any steps the Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State intends to take to increase awareness of—
- (a) how to participate in elections as an overseas elector, and
- (b) the provisions of this Act.”
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Philip Davies

NC4

To move the following Clause—

“Report on effects of extension of franchise

- (1) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State must publish a report assessing the likely effects of the extension of the franchise in section 1 of this Act and any measures necessary in response to those effects.
- (2) The report must contain assessments of—
- (a) how many British citizens currently resident overseas are eligible to register as overseas electors, and how many are likely to be eligible if the 15-year time limits under sections 1(3)(c) and 1(4)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 were removed;
- (b) any possible increased risk of electoral fraud by those purporting to be overseas electors related to the provisions in this Act;

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- (c) whether current election timetables are of sufficient duration to enable the full participation of any increased numbers of overseas electors.”

Philip Davies

NC5

To move the following Clause—

“Report on the representation of overseas electors

- (1) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State shall, within 12 months of this section coming into force, lay before Parliament a report on the representation of overseas electors.
- (2) That report shall include—
 - (a) consideration of how well overseas electors are represented by their MPs and any related consequences of the provisions of this Act,
 - (b) an assessment of any additional demands that may be placed on MPs and their resources as a consequence of the provisions of this Act,
 - (c) any plans the Government has to monitor the representation of overseas electors, and
 - (d) an assessment of alternative models of representation of overseas electors, including the creation of overseas constituencies.”

Philip Davies

NC6

To move the following Clause—

“Review of absent vote arrangements

- (1) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State shall—
 - (a) review absent voting arrangements to consider whether they allow sufficient time for overseas electors to participate adequately in parliamentary elections, taking into account the likely effects of the provisions of this Act;
 - (b) consult the Electoral Commission, local authorities and the Association of Electoral Administrators as part of the review; and
 - (c) lay before Parliament a report on the review and any steps to be taken as a result.”

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Philip Davies

NC7

To move the following Clause—

“Report on postal voting arrangements for overseas electors

- (1) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State shall publish a report on postal voting arrangements for overseas electors.
- (2) The report shall set out—
 - (a) any barriers to the participation of overseas electors in parliamentary elections, including in—
 - (i) the availability of pre-paid postal services for returning ballot papers,
 - (ii) the financial resources of returning officers, and
 - (iii) capacity in the specialist print and production markets to meet absent vote and ballot paper requirements;
 - (b) whether any such barriers are likely to become more significant or widespread as a result of the extension of the franchise in the provisions of this Act, including in particular countries and regions;
 - (c) any steps to be taken to make it easier for overseas electors to participate in parliamentary elections.
- (3) The report shall, in particular, consider the effectiveness and cost of the International Business Response Licence for postal votes and any associated implications of the provisions of this Act.”

Philip Davies

NC8

To move the following Clause—

“Report on overseas electors in other national elections

The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State must publish a report on qualification requirements for non-resident citizens to participate in national elections in other countries.”

Philip Davies

NC9

To move the following Clause—

“Evaluation of the effects of the Act

- (1) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State must, within 12 months of the provisions of this Act coming into force, lay before Parliament a report evaluating the effects of the Act and the extent to which it has met its objectives.

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- (2) That report must include assessments of the effects on numbers of overseas electors registered in each parliamentary constituency.”

Philip Davies

NC10

To move the following Clause—

“Closing date for electoral registration applications by overseas electors

- (1) The Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 56, after paragraph (7), insert—
- “ (8) This regulation does not apply to applications by overseas electors.”
- (3) After regulation 56 insert—

“56A Closing date for electoral registration applications by overseas electors

- (1) The provisions in this regulation relate to applications to vote by post or proxy by overseas electors in parliamentary elections.
- (2) An application by an overseas elector under paragraph 3(6) or (7) of Schedule 4 shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular parliamentary election and an application under paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 4 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the eighteenth day before the date of the poll at that election.
- (3) An application under paragraph 3(1) or (2), or 6(7) or 7(4) of Schedule 4 shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular parliamentary election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the thirteenth day before the date of the poll at that election.
- (4) An application under paragraph 4(1) or (2) or 6(8) of Schedule 4 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the thirteenth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made.
- (5) An application under paragraph 7(7) of Schedule 4 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the eighteenth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made.
- (6) An application under—
- (a) paragraph 3(5)(a) of Schedule 4 by an elector to be removed from the record kept under paragraph 3(4) of that Schedule, or
- (b) paragraph 7(9)(a) of Schedule 4 by a proxy to be removed from the record kept under paragraph 7(6) of that Schedule,
- and a notice under paragraph 6(10) of that Schedule by an elector cancelling a proxy’s appointment shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular parliamentary election if it is received by the registration officer after—
- (i) 5 p.m. on the eighteenth day before the date of the poll at that election in the case of an application by an elector

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who is entitled to vote by post to be removed from the record kept under paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 4, and

- (ii) 5 p.m. on the thirteenth day before the date of the poll at that election in any other case.
- (7) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this regulation, the same rules shall apply as in regulation 56.”
- (4) The Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 are amended as follows.
- (5) In regulation 56, after paragraph (7), insert—
- “(8) This regulation does not apply to applications by overseas electors.”
- (6) After regulation 56 insert—

“56A Closing date for electoral registration applications by overseas electors

- (1) The provisions in this regulation relate to applications to vote by post or proxy by overseas electors in parliamentary elections.
- (2) An application by an overseas elector under paragraph 3(6) or (7) of Schedule 4 shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular parliamentary election and an application under paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 4 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the eighteenth day before the date of the poll at that election.
- (3) An application under paragraph 3(1) or (2), or 6(7) or 7(4) of Schedule 4 shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular parliamentary election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the thirteenth day before the date of the poll at that election.
- (4) An application under paragraph 4(1) or (2) or 6(8) of Schedule 4 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the thirteenth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made.
- (5) An application under paragraph 7(7) of Schedule 4 shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the eighteenth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made.
- (6) An application under—
 - (a) paragraph 3(5)(a) of Schedule 4 by an elector to be removed from the record kept under paragraph 3(4) of that Schedule, or
 - (b) paragraph 7(9)(a) of Schedule 4 by a proxy to be removed from the record kept under paragraph 7(6) of that Schedule,
 and a notice under paragraph 6(10) of that Schedule by an elector cancelling a proxy’s appointment shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular parliamentary election if it is received by the registration officer after—
 - (i) 5 p.m. on the eighteenth day before the date of the poll at that election in the case of an application by an elector who is entitled to vote by post to be removed from the record kept under paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 4, and
 - (ii) 5 p.m. on the thirteenth day before the date of the poll at that election in any other case.
- (7) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this regulation, the same rules shall apply as in regulation 56.”

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(7) The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 are amended as follows.

(8) In regulation 57, after paragraph (6), insert—

“(7) This regulation does not apply to applications by overseas electors.”

(9) After regulation 57 insert—

“57A Closing date for electoral registration applications by overseas electors

(1) The provisions in this regulation relate to applications to vote by post or proxy by overseas electors in parliamentary elections.

(2) An application under section 6(1) or (5), 8(6) or 9(4) of the 1985 Act shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the twenty-first day before the day of the poll at that election.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) below, an application under section 7(1) or (2), 8(7) or 9(7) or (8) of the 1985 Act shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the twenty-first day before the day of the poll at the election for which is made.

(4) Paragraph (3) above shall not apply to an application which satisfies the requirements of either paragraphs (6) and (7) or paragraph (8) of regulation 55 above; and such an application shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the thirteenth day before the day of the poll at the election for which it is made.

(5) An application under—

(a) section 6(4)(a) of the 1985 Act by an elector to be removed from the record kept under section 6(3) of that Act, or

(b) section 9(11)(a) of that Act by a proxy to be removed from the record kept under section 9(6) of that Act,

and a notice under section 8(9) of that Act by an elector cancelling a proxy’s appointment shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the twenty-first day before the date of the poll at that election.

(6) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this regulation, the same rules shall apply as in regulation 57.”

Philip Davies

NC11

To move the following Clause—

“Offence of registering to vote as overseas elector in more than one constituency

(1) A person commits an offence if he or she is an overseas elector and is simultaneously registered to vote in more than one constituency.

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- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”
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Philip Davies

NC12

To move the following Clause—

“Report on electoral offences, overseas electors and the extension of the franchise

- (1) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or Secretary of State must publish a report on electoral offences, overseas electors and the extension of the franchise.
- (2) The report must include assessments of—
- (a) the effects of the extension of the franchise under the provisions of this Act on the incidence of—
 - (i) reports of electoral offences under the Representation of the People Act 1983, and
 - (ii) prosecutions for such offences,
 - (b) the capacity of appropriate authorities to investigate and prosecute such alleged offences,
 - (c) the number of reports of electoral offences under the Representation of the People Act 1983 alleged to have been committed by overseas electors—
 - (i) in the period since the provisions of this Act came into force, and
 - (ii) in a comparable period before the provisions of this Act came into force,
 - (d) the number of prosecutions for electoral offences under the Representation of the People Act 1983 by overseas electors—
 - (i) in the period since the provisions of this Act came into force, and
 - (ii) in a comparable period before the provisions of this Act came into force,
 - (e) any steps to be taken to reduce the incidence of such electoral offences.”
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Philip Davies

NC13

To move the following Clause—

“Expiration of Act after five years

This Act shall expire five years from the date on which it receives Royal Assent.”

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Philip Davies

NC14

To move the following Clause—

“Expiration of Act after three years

This Act shall expire three years from the date on which it receives Royal Assent.”



Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 1, line 5, after “if—” insert—

“(za) the person—

(i) was born in the United Kingdom, or

(ii) on the relevant date has been a British citizen for at least 15 years, and

(zb) on the relevant date the person had cumulatively been resident in the United Kingdom for at least 15 years, and”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would require electors to demonstrate further attachment to the United Kingdom.

Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 1, line 11, leave out “is a British citizen” and insert “is not a citizen of a country other than the United Kingdom”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would add the condition that an overseas elector is not a citizen of another country.

Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 1, line 14, leave out “is a British citizen” and insert “is not a citizen of a country other than the United Kingdom”

Member’s explanatory statement

See explanatory statement for Amendment 3.

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Clause 1, page 1, line 14, after “citizen,” insert—
“(ia) is aged 16 or over,”

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Philip Davies
Christian Matheson

Clause 1, page 2, line 6, leave out “or the previous residence condition”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the permanent residence condition, leaving previous registration as the sole qualifying condition.

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Philip Davies

Clause 1, page 2, line 7, at end insert “and

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- (c) the person satisfies at least one of the following conditions—
- (i) he or she was included in a register of parliamentary electors at some time in the past fifteen years;
 - (ii) he or she was resident in the United Kingdom at some point in the last fifteen years;
 - (iii) he or she is a member of the United Kingdom armed forces;

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- (iv) he or she is employed in the service of the Crown;
- (v) he or she is employed by the British Council;
- (vi) he or she is employed by a United Kingdom public authority;
- (vii) he or she is employed by a designated humanitarian agency;
- (viii) he or she is the spouse or civil partner of a person mentioned in sub-paragraphs (iii) to (vii) above and is residing outside the United Kingdom to be with his or her spouse or civil partner.

(1A) The Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State may by statutory instrument define “United Kingdom public authority” and “designated humanitarian agency” for the purposes of subsection (1)(c).

(1B) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1A) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 2, line 9, leave out “in the past” and insert “since 1 January 2004”

Philip Davies
Christian Matheson

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Clause 1, page 2, line 16, leave out subsections (3) and (4)

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.

Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 2, line 17, leave out “in the past” and insert “since 1 January 2004”

Christian Matheson

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Clause 1, page 2, line 23, leave out sub-paragraph (ii)

Christian Matheson

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Clause 1, page 2, line 39, at end insert—

““resident” must be defined in regulations made by the Minister for the Cabinet Office or the Secretary of State.”

Christian Matheson

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Clause 1, page 2, line 44, leave out “and (3)”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.

Philip Davies
Christian Matheson

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Clause 1, page 3, line 3, leave out paragraph (b)

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.

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Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 3, leave out lines 5 to 8 and insert—

- “(3) The second condition is that the person making the declaration (“the declarant”) proves that they qualify as an overseas elector in respect of the constituency by providing valid supporting documentation to the registration officer.
- (3A) Valid supporting documentation for the purposes of proving qualification for the previous registration condition are—
- (a) a poll card, or
 - (b) a letter from the appropriate local authority stating that the person was on the electoral roll at the appropriate time.
- (3B) Valid supporting documentation for the purposes of proving qualification for the previous residence condition must include—
- (a) one document from List A, or
 - (b) two documents from List B.
- (3C) For the purposes of subsection (3B), List A documents include but are not limited to—
- household utility bill (such as gas, electric, water or telephone);
 - full UK photocard driving licence with signature or ‘old style’ driving licence (including provisional or expired licences);
 - bank, building society or credit card statement, or bank or building society passbook;
 - local authority tax bill (e.g. council tax bill);
 - local authority rent book;
 - solicitor’s letter confirming house purchase or land registry confirmation, or an official copy of the land register or other proof of title;
 - HM Revenue & Customs (Inland Revenue) tax document such as a tax assessment, statement of account or notice of coding;
 - original notification letter from the relevant benefits agency confirming entitlement to benefits or the state pension;
 - pension or benefit correspondence from the Department for Work and Pensions;
 - instrument of a court appointment, e.g. probate or court-registered power of attorney.
- (3D) For the purposes of subsection (3B), List B documents include but are not limited to—
- payslip;
 - employment document, such offer of employment or reference;
 - school, college or university (or UCAS) document, such as offer of a place, or confirmation of attendance;
 - insurance documents, such as full insurance schedule, or letter confirming insurance cover;
 - student loans company letter;
 - mobile telephone bill;
 - other evidence prescribed in guidance given by the Minister.
- (3E) To be valid supporting documentation, a document must contain both a date (which can be earlier than the date the declarant left the address concerned) and the declarant’s declared last address in the United Kingdom.”

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Christian Matheson Philip Davies	18
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 9, leave out subsection (4) <i>Member's explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.</i></p>	
Philip Davies	28
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 22, leave out "3" and insert "2" <i>Member's explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment changes the time period for submitting the declaration after it has been made to 2 months from 3 months.</i></p>	
Philip Davies	29
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 22, leave out "3" and insert "1" <i>Member's explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment changes the time period for submitting the declaration after it has been made to 1 month from 3 months.</i></p>	
Philip Davies	30
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 22, leave out "3 months" and insert "14 days" <i>Member's explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment changes the time period for submitting the declaration after it has been made to 14 days from 3 months.</i></p>	
Philip Davies	40
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 23, at end insert— "(5A) An overseas elector's declaration shall be disregarded for the purposes of registration to vote in a particular parliamentary election if it received by the registration officer after 5pm on the nineteenth day before the date of the poll at that election."</p>	
Philip Davies	41
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 34, after "name" insert "and date of birth"</p>	
Philip Davies	42
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 35, at end insert— "(aa) state either the declarant's National Insurance number or the reason the declarant is unable to provide his or her National Insurance number,"</p>	
Philip Davies	43
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 35, at end insert— "(aa) state any previous full names held by the declarant in the period since they last made a renewal declaration and the reasons for any changes of name,"</p>	

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- Philip Davies 44
- Clause 1, page 3, line 35, at end insert—
 “(aa) state the number and date of issue of a British passport held by the declarant or, if the declarant no longer holds a British passport, prescribed information relating to the nationality of the declarant,”
- Philip Davies 45
- Clause 1, page 3, line 35, at end insert—
 “(aa) state a telephone number for the declarant,”
- Philip Davies 46
- Clause 1, page 3, line 35, at end insert—
 “(aa) state an email address for the declarant,”
- Philip Davies 47
- Clause 1, page 3, line 35, at end insert—
 “(aa) state the declarant’s preferred means of contact by the registration officer,”
- Philip Davies 8
- Clause 1, page 3, line 37, leave out “is a British citizen” and insert “was either born in the United Kingdom or has been a British citizen for at least 15 years”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 2.
- Philip Davies 9
- Clause 1, page 3, line 37, at end insert—
 “(ca) state that the declarant is not a citizen of a country other than the United Kingdom”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 3.
- Philip Davies 48
- Clause 1, page 3, line 38, leave out “that the declarant is not resident in the United Kingdom” and insert “the country of residence of the declarant, and how long they have lived there,”
- Philip Davies 10
- Clause 1, page 3, line 40, leave out paragraph (e) and insert—
 “(e) state that the declarant has cumulatively been resident in the United Kingdom for at least 15 years,”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 2.

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Christian Matheson	19
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 40, leave out paragraph (e) <i>Member's explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.</i></p>	
Philip Davies	49
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 42, at end insert— “(ea) state that the declarant is aware of the voting offences under sections 60 and 61 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated punishments under sections 168 and 169 of that Act,”</p>	
Philip Davies	50
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 42, at end insert— “(ea) state whether the declarant intends to make absent voting arrangements or to vote in person at a polling station,”</p>	
Philip Davies	51
<p>Clause 1, page 3, line 44, leave out from first “requirements” to end of paragraph and insert— “(fa) contain a valid attestation of identity under section [<i>Attestation of identity</i>],”</p>	
Philip Davies	11
<p>Clause 1, page 4, line 1, leave out from beginning to “the” in line 2 <i>Member's explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.</i></p>	
Philip Davies Christian Matheson	12
<p>Clause 1, page 4, line 12, leave out subsections (3) and (4) <i>Member's explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.</i></p>	
Philip Davies	52
<p>Clause 1, page 4, line 48, at end insert—</p> <p>“1CA Attestation of identity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A valid attestation of identity must contain attestations from two attestors. (2) The first attestor must be a registered elector resident in the constituency in which the declarant wishes to be registered. (3) The second attestor must be a registered overseas elector. (4) An attestor must not be the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of the declarant. 	

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- (5) An attestation must—
- (a) be in writing and signed by the attester,
 - (b) swear that, to the best of the attester's knowledge, the declarant is the person named in the declaration,
 - (c) state the attester's British passport number together with its date of issue,
 - (d) be dated on the date on which the attestation is made,
 - (e) confirm that the person attester is aware of the offence, under section 13D of the Representation of the People Act 1983, of providing false information to a registration officer, and
 - (f) confirm that the attester is a person of good standing in the community.
- (6) For the purposes of paragraph (5)(f), examples of a person of good standing in the community include, but are not limited to, the following or their local equivalents—
- accountant
 - airline pilot
 - articled clerk of a limited company
 - assurance agent of recognised company
 - bank or building society official
 - barrister
 - chiropodist
 - Commissioner of Oaths
 - civil servant (permanent)
 - dentist
 - director, manager or personnel officer of a limited company
 - director or manager of a VAT-registered charity
 - director or manager or personnel officer of a VAT-registered company
 - engineer (with professional qualifications)
 - financial services intermediary (e.g. a stockbroker or insurance broker)
 - fire service official
 - funeral director
 - insurance agent (full time) of a recognised company
 - journalist
 - Justice of the Peace
 - lecturer
 - legal secretary (fellow or associate member of the Institute of Legal Secretaries and PAs)
 - licensee of public house
 - local government officer
 - medical professional
 - member, associate or fellow of a professional body
 - Merchant Navy officer
 - minister of a recognised religion (including Christian Science)
 - nurse (Registered General Nurse or Mental Health Nurse)
 - officer of the armed services
 - optician
 - paralegal (certified paralegal, qualified paralegal or associate member of the Institute of Paralegals)
 - person with an honour (such as an OBE or MBE)

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pharmacist
 photographer (professional)
 police officer
 Post Office official
 publicly-elected representative (such as MP, Councillor or MEP)
 president or secretary of a recognised organisation
 Salvation Army officer
 social worker
 solicitor
 surveyor
 teacher
 trade union officer
 travel agent (qualified)
 valuer or auctioneer (fellows and associate members of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers)
 warrant officers and chief petty officers.”

Philip Davies 31

Clause 1, page 5, line 5, leave out “12” and insert “9”
Member’s explanatory statement
 This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 9 months.

Philip Davies 32

Clause 1, page 5, line 5, leave out “12” and insert “8”
Member’s explanatory statement
 This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 8 months.

Philip Davies 33

Clause 1, page 5, line 5, leave out “12” and insert “7”
Member’s explanatory statement
 This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 7 months.

Philip Davies 34

Clause 1, page 5, line 5, leave out “12” and insert “6”
Member’s explanatory statement
 This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 6 months.

Philip Davies 54

Clause 1, page 5, line 5, leave out “12 months” and insert “4 years”

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Philip Davies	55
Clause 1, page 5, line 5, leave out “12 months” and insert “5 years and 1 month”	
Philip Davies	77
Clause 1, page 5, line 10, leave out “3” and insert “2”	
Philip Davies	78
Clause 1, page 5, line 10, leave out “3 months” and insert “1 month”	
Philip Davies	79
Clause 1, page 5, line 10, leave out “3 months” and insert “14 days”	
Philip Davies	35
Clause 1, page 5, line 18, leave out “12” and insert “9”	
<i>Member’s explanatory statement</i>	
<i>This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 9 months where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).</i>	
Philip Davies	36
Clause 1, page 5, line 18, leave out “12” and insert “8”	
<i>Member’s explanatory statement</i>	
<i>This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 8 months where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).</i>	
Philip Davies	37
Clause 1, page 5, line 18, leave out “12” and insert “7”	
<i>Member’s explanatory statement</i>	
<i>This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 7 months where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).</i>	
Philip Davies	38
Clause 1, page 5, line 18, leave out “12” and insert “6”	
<i>Member’s explanatory statement</i>	
<i>This amendment changes the length of time the person remains registered from 12 months to 6 months where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).</i>	
Philip Davies	57
Clause 1, page 5, line 18, leave out “12 months” and insert “4 years”	
Philip Davies	58
Clause 1, page 5, line 18, leave out “12 months” and insert “5 years and 1 month”	

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Philip Davies		59
Clause 1, page 6, line 11, at end insert—		
“(aa) state either the declarant’s National Insurance number or the reason the declarant is unable to provide his or her National Insurance number,”		
Philip Davies		60
Clause 1, page 6, line 11, at end insert—		
“(aa) state any previous full names held by the declarant in the period since they last made a renewal declaration and the reasons for any changes of name,”		
Philip Davies		61
Clause 1, page 6, line 11, at end insert—		
“(aa) state the number and date of issue of a British passport held by the declarant or, if the declarant no longer holds a British passport, prescribed information relating to the nationality of the declarant,”		
Philip Davies		62
Clause 1, page 6, line 11, at end insert—		
“(aa) state a telephone number for the declarant,”		
Philip Davies		63
Clause 1, page 6, line 11, at end insert—		
“(aa) state an email address for the declarant,”		
Philip Davies		64
Clause 1, page 6, line 11, at end insert—		
“(aa) state the declarant’s preferred means of contact by the registration officer,”		
Philip Davies		13
Clause 1, page 6, line 13, leave out “is a British citizen” and insert “was either born in the United Kingdom or has been a British citizen for at least 15 years”		
<i>Member’s explanatory statement</i>		
<i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 2.</i>		
Philip Davies		14
Clause 1, page 6, line 13, at end insert—		
“(ca) state that the declarant is not a citizen of a country other than the United Kingdom”		
<i>Member’s explanatory statement</i>		
<i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 3.</i>		

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Philip Davies

65

Clause 1, page 6, line 14, leave out from “state” to “on” and insert “the country of residence of the declarant, and how long they have lived there,”

Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 6, line 15, at end insert—

“(da) state that the declarant has cumulatively been resident in the United Kingdom for at least 15 years,”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 2.

Philip Davies

66

Clause 1, page 6, line 15, at end insert—

“(da) state that the declarant is aware of the voting offences under sections 60 and 61 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and associated punishments under sections 168 and 169 of that Act,”

Philip Davies

67

Clause 1, page 6, line 15, at end insert—

“(da) state whether the declarant intends to make absent voting arrangements or to vote in person at a polling station,”

Philip Davies

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Clause 1, page 7, line 3, leave out Clause (1F)

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would remove the provision allowing the period of registration to be changed from one year to up to five years by statutory instrument.

Philip Davies

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Clause 3, page 8, line 11, after “State” add “but no sooner than 12 months after section 3(5) comes into force”

Christian Matheson

23

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report setting out the effects of the provisions of this Act on processes for controlling political party donations.

(2B) The report under subsection (2A) shall consider—

(a) the ability of political parties and campaigners to determine the permissibility of donations from persons resident overseas;

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- (b) the ability of the Electoral Commission to take enforcement action where the rules on such donations have been breached.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Government to prepare a report on processes for controlling political party donations before the provisions of this Act can come into force.

Christian Matheson

24

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report setting out on the likely effects of the provisions of this Act on the number of registered electors.

(2B) The report under subsection (2A) shall consider—

- (a) the number of overseas electors registered to vote in Parliamentary elections in each constituency and the policy implications of any such changes;
- (b) whether any differential effects on the electorates of constituencies necessitates a review of constituency boundaries; and
- (c) the merits of creating one or more overseas constituencies.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Government to prepare a report on the effects on the number of registered electors before the provisions of this Act can come into force.

Christian Matheson

25

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report setting out the effects of the provisions of this Act on the extension of franchise.

(2B) The report under subsection (2A) shall consider—

- (a) likely demand for online registration services and how this demand should be met;
- (b) the effects of removing the 15-year time limits on the workloads of local authorities, including demands on electoral registration officers, and how any consequent resourcing requirements should be met;
- (c) how the electorates of existing UK constituencies will be affected; and
- (d) how the electorates of new constituencies recommended by the most recent reports of the Boundary Commissions for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be affected.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Government to prepare a report on the effects of the extension of the franchise before the provisions of this Act can come into force.

Christian Matheson

26

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report setting out the effects of the provisions of this Act on the representation of overseas electors by MPs.

(2B) The report under subsection (2A) shall consider—

- (a) how well overseas electors are represented by their MPs and any related consequences of the provisions of this Act;

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- (b) an assessment of any additional demands that may be placed on MPs and their resources as a consequence of the provisions of this Act;
- (c) any plans the Government has to monitor the representation of overseas electors; and
- (d) an assessment of alternative models of representation of overseas electors, including the creation of overseas constituencies.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Government to prepare a report on the representation of overseas electors by MPs before the provisions of this Act can come into force.

Christian Matheson

27

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report setting out the effects of the provisions of this Act on the creation of a consolidated register of overseas electors.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment requires the Government to prepare a report on the effects of creating a consolidated register of overseas electors before the provisions of this Act can come into force.

Philip Davies

68

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report on awareness of how to participate in elections as an overseas elector.”

Philip Davies

69

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report on absent vote arrangements.”

Philip Davies

70

Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report on postal voting arrangements for overseas electors.”

Philip Davies

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Clause 3, page 8, line 11, at end insert—

“(2A) No regulations may be made under subsection (2) until the Secretary of State or Minister for the Cabinet Office has laid before Parliament a report on overseas electors in other national elections.”

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Philip Davies

Clause 3, page 8, line 16, leave out “on the day on which” and replace with “12 months after” 76

Christian Matheson

Schedule 1, page 9, leave out lines 6 to 8 20
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.
