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CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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

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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.

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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.

Jim McMahon
Danielle Rowley
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Ged Killen
Mr Paul Sweeney
Caroline Lucas

Tom Brake
Jonathan Edwards
Catherine West
Preet Kaur Gill
Debbie Abrahams
Neil Coyle
Geraint Davies

Hywel Williams
David Linden
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Nicky Morgan
Cat Smith
Kate Osamor
Christian Matheson

Gavin Robinson
Tracy Brabin
Kirsty Blackman
Sir Peter Bottomley
Helen Hayes
Stephen Kinnock

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

Philip Davies
Christian Matheson

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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.

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.

Christian Matheson

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

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Christian Matheson	21
★ 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	17
★ Clause 1, page 2, line 44, leave out “and (3)” <i>Member’s explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.</i>	
Philip Davies Christian Matheson	7
Clause 1, page 3, line 3, leave out paragraph (b) <i>Member’s explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.</i>	
Christian Matheson Philip Davies	18
★ 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>	
Philip Davies	28
★ 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>	
Philip Davies	29
★ 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>	
Philip Davies	30
★ 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>	
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” <i>Member’s explanatory statement</i> <i>This amendment is consequential on Amendment 2.</i>	

Overseas Electors Bill, *continued*

- 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 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.
- Christian Matheson 19
- ★ Clause 1, page 3, line 40, leave out paragraph (e)
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.
- Philip Davies 11
- Clause 1, page 4, line 1, leave out “Where the defendant is seeking to be registered on the basis of the previous registration condition,”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.
- Philip Davies
Christian Matheson 12
- Clause 1, page 4, line 12, leave out subsections (3) and (4)
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.
- 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.

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- 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 35
- ★ Clause 1, page 5, line 18, 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 where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).
- Philip Davies 36
- ★ Clause 1, page 5, line 18, 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 where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).
- Philip Davies 37
- ★ Clause 1, page 5, line 18, 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 where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).
- Philip Davies 38
- ★ Clause 1, page 5, line 18, 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 where later than the timeframe mentioned in subsection (1).
- 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”
Member’s explanatory statement
 This amendment is consequential on Amendment 2.

Overseas Electors Bill, *continued*

- 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”
Member’s explanatory statement
This amendment is consequential on Amendment 3.

- Philip Davies 15
- 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 16
- 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.
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- 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;
(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;

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- (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

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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 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

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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 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;
- (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

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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.

Christian Matheson

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★ Schedule 1, page 9, leave out lines 6 to 8

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 5.
