

Voter Registration Bill

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Prohibit persons from being registered to vote in Parliamentary elections in more than one constituency; and for connected purposes.

BE 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 Registration in more than one constituency: duty of Secretary of State to make regulations

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations impose a duty on an electoral registration officer to prohibit them from registering a person to vote in a Parliamentary election in more than one constituency. 5
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) must require that—
- (a) an electoral registration officer must establish whether a person applying to register an address to vote in Parliamentary elections is already registered at an address in another constituency,
 - (b) a person is already registered at an address in another constituency an electoral registration officer must— 10
 - (i) inform that person that they may not be registered in more than one constituency to vote in a Parliamentary election,
 - (ii) inform that person that they must choose the constituency in which they would like to be registered for a Parliamentary election, 15
 - (iii) ensure that, if a person chooses to register an address in a different constituency for a Parliamentary election, that the original address must first be removed from the Parliamentary electoral register, and 20
 - (iv) ensure that, if a person chooses to keep an existing registered address on the register for a Parliamentary election, then the electoral registration officer must not register an address in a different constituency.

2 Interpretation

In this Act—

“electoral registration officer” has the meaning given in Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983;

“Parliamentary election” has the meaning given in Schedule 1 in the Interpretation Act 1978; 5

“Parliamentary electoral register” means a register of Parliamentary electors maintained under Section 9 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

3 Extent, commencement and short title 10

- (1) This Act shall extend to England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The Act shall come into force on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Voter Registration Act 2018.

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