

# House of Peers Bill

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TO

Provide for the renaming of the House of Lords as the House of Peers.

**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 House of Peers**

- (1) The House of Parliament known as the House of Lords at the time this Act is passed shall henceforth be called the House of Peers.
- (2) The enactments in Schedule 1 are amended as specified there.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make additional amendments to enactments in consequence of this Act, provided those amendments are limited to replacing references to the House of Lords with references to the House of Peers. 5
- (4) Any other reference in any enactment to which subsection (5) does not apply shall be interpreted after the coming into force of this Act as a reference to the House of Lords. 10
- (5) This subsection applies to—
  - (a) this Act,
  - (b) any reference to the House of Lords in the citation provisions of any enactment passed before the passing of this Act, and 15
  - (c) any other reference to the House of Lords in the short title of any enactment passed before the passing of this Act.
- (6) In subsection (4), notwithstanding the Interpretation Act 1978, “enactment” means an enactment comprised in, or an instrument made under—
  - (a) an Act of Parliament; 20
  - (b) an Act of the Scottish Parliament;
  - (c) an Act of the National Assembly for Wales;
  - (d) an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly;
  - (e) a Church of England Measure;
  - (f) a Measure of the National Assembly for Wales. 25

**2 Regulations**

- (1) Regulations under this Act are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) Any statutory instrument containing regulations under section 1(3) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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**3 No effect to validity of actions by the House of Lords**

- (1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the validity of anything done by, or in relation to, the corporation sole which, prior to the coming into of this Act, is called “The Corporate Officer of the House of Lords”, other than for that corporation sole to be called “The Corporate Officer of the House of Peers”.
- (2) Nothing in this Act shall affect the validity of anything done by, or in relation to, the House of Lords.

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**4 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) This Act comes into force at the end of the Session of Parliament in which it is passed.
- (2) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the House of Peers Act 2018.

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## SCHEDULE

Section 2

### AMENDMENTS

#### *Clerk of the Parliaments Act 1824 c. 82*

- 1 In the Clerk of the Parliaments Act 1824, in—  
(a) section 2, and 5  
(b) section 3,  
for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

#### *Parliamentary Witnesses Act 1858 c. 78*

- 2 In the Parliamentary Witnesses Act 1858, in—  
(a) the title of section 2, and 10  
(b) section 2  
for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

#### *Parliament Act 1911 c. 13*

- 3 In the Parliament Act 1911, in—  
(a) the title of section 1, 15  
(b) section 1(1) and 1(3),  
(c) the title of section 2, and  
(d) section 2(1), 2(3) and 2(4)  
for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

#### *Laying of Documents before Parliament (Interpretation) Act 1948 c. 59* 20

- 4 In section 2 of the Laying of Documents before Parliament (Interpretation) Act 1948 for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

#### *Life Peerages Act 1958 c. 21*

- 5 In the Life Peerages Act 1958, in— 25  
(a) the title of section 1, and  
(b) section 1(2)(b) and 1(4)  
for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

#### *Peerage Act 1963 c. 48*

- 6 In the Peerage Act 1963, in— 30  
(a) section 4, and  
(b) section 6  
for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 c. 48*

- 7 In the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, in—
- (a) section 165(1), 165(4) and 165(5),
  - (b) section 166(4) and 166(5),
  - (c) section 167(4) and 167(5)(b), and
  - (d) paragraph 43(2)(c) of Schedule 1
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”. 5

*Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991 c. 5*

- 8 In the Ministerial and other Pensions and Salaries Act 1991, in—
- (a) section 4(6)(ba) and 4(6)(d),
  - (b) the title of section 5, and
  - (c) sections 5(1)(a), (5)(1)(ba) and 5(3)
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”. 10

*Parliamentary Corporate Bodies Act 1992 c. 27*

- 9 In the Parliamentary Corporate Bodies Act 1992, in—
- (a) the title of section 1, and
  - (b) sections 1(1), 1(3)(a), 1(3)(c), and 1(5),
  - (c) section 6(1), and
  - (d) section 7(1) and 7(2)
- for “Lords” substitute “Peers”. 15  
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*Employment Tribunals Act 1996 c. 17*

- 10 In the Employment Tribunals Act 1996, in—
- (a) section 10A(b)(b), and
  - (b) section 39(1), 1(2) and 1(4),
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”. 25

*Employment Rights Act 1996 c. 18*

- 11 In the Employment Rights Act 1996, in—
- (a) the title of section 194, and
  - (b) section 194(1), 194(2A), 194(3), 194(4), 194(5), 194(6) and 194(7)
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”. 30

*Data Protection Act 1998 c. 29*

- 12 In the Data Protection Act 1998, in section 63A(3) and 63A(4) for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*National Minimum Wage Act 1998 c. 39*

- 13 In the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 c. 39, in—
- (a) the title of section 38, and
  - (b) section 38(1), 38(2) and 38(3)
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”. 35

*House of Lords Act 1999 c. 34*

- 14 In the House of Lords Act 1999 in section 1 for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Freedom of Information Act 2000 c. 36*

- 15 In the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in 5
- (a) section 2(3)(e),
  - (b) section 11A(8),
  - (c) section 34(4)(b),
  - (d) section 36(5)(e), and
  - (e) paragraph 3 to schedule 1 10
- for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Civil Contingencies Act 2004 c. 36*

- 16 In the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 in section 28(3) and 28(4) for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Parliament (Joint Departments) Act 2007 c. 16* 15

- 17 In the Parliament (Joint Departments) Act 2007, in—
- (a) section 1(5),
  - (b) section 2(3)(b) and 2(4),
  - (c) section 5(1), and
  - (d) Schedule 1 20
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Pensions Act 2008 c. 30*

- 18 In the Pensions Act 2008, in—
- (a) the title of section 93, and
  - (b) section 93(1) and 93(2) 25
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Education and Skills Act 2008 c. 25*

- 19 In the Education and Skills Act 2008, in—
- (a) the title of section 63, and
  - (b) section 63 30
- for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 c. 13*

- 20 In the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, in—
- (a) the title of section 2, and
  - (b) section 2(1) 35
- for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 c. 22*

- 21 In the Apprentices, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, in—
- (a) section A7(1)(c)(i) and A7(6), and
  - (b) section 36(c)(i) and 36(6)
- for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”. 5

*Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 c. 25*

- 22 In the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010, in—
- (a) section 20(3) and 20(7)(a),
  - (b) the title of section 41,
  - (c) section 41(1)(b), 41(5), 41(6), 41(8)(b), 41(10), 10
  - (d) the title of section 42,
  - (e) section 42(1) and 42(2),
  - (f) the first reference in section 42(8),
  - (g) section 42(9), and
  - (h) the second reference in section 42(10) 15
- for “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*House of Lords Reform Act 2014 c. 24*

- 23 In the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, in—
- (a) section 1(1) and 1(3),
  - (b) section 2(1) and 2(2), 20
  - (c) section 3(1), 3(2), 3(3)(a), 3(7), 3(8), and 3(9),
  - (d) section 4(1), 4(2), 4(6) and 4(8), and
  - (e) section 6(1)
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

*House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015 c. 14* 25

- 24 In the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015, in—
- (a) the title of section 1, and
  - (b) section 1(1), 1(3) and 1(4)
- for each appearance of “House of Lords” substitute “House of Peers”.

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