



# House of Commons

Tuesday 29 October 2019

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

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*New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★*

*Amendments tabled since the last publication:*

### EARLY PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION BILL

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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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

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Chris Leslie  
Anna Soubry  
Mike Gapes  
Joan Ryan  
Ann Coffey  
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Heidi Allen  
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Ian Murray  
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Helen Hayes

1

★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, at beginning insert—

“Subject to the inclusion of relevant citizens of the European Union (within the meaning of “relevant citizen of the Union” in section 202 of the Representation of the People Act 1983) in the register of persons entitled to vote on the date of the poll,”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would ensure that relevant EU citizens listed on the electoral register (and currently able to vote in local government and European elections in the UK) are entitled to vote on the date of this early parliamentary general election.*

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Jeremy Corbyn  
 Mr Nicholas Brown  
 Jon Trickett  
 Cat Smith  
 Jo Swinson  
 Sir Edward Davey

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
 Layla Moran

Tom Brake

Chuka Umunna

2

★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, leave out “12” and insert “9”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would change the date of the proposed general election to Monday 9 December.*

Ian Murray  
 David Hanson  
 Jess Phillips  
 Catherine McKinnell  
 Tonia Antoniazzi  
 Mr Pat McFadden

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 Jo Stevens  
 Rosie Duffield  
 Barry Sheerman  
 Paul Farrelly  
 Janet Daby  
 Daniel Zeichner  
 Ruth Cadbury  
 Anna Soubry

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, leave out “12 December 2019” and insert “7 May 2020”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment changes the date of the early general election to 7 May 2020.*

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Ian Murray  
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7

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, leave out “12 December 2019” and insert “7 May 2020, providing the referendum in section (Referendum) has taken place on 26 March 2020.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment links a change of date for an early general election to 7 May 2020 with the holding of a referendum on 26 March 2020.*

Ian Blackford  
Kirsty Blackman  
Stephen Gethins  
Peter Grant  
Joanna Cherry  
Patrick Grady

Hannah Bardell	Mhairi Black	Deidre Brock
Alan Brown	Dr Lisa Cameron	Douglas Chapman
Joanna Cherry	Ronnie Cowan	Angela Crawley
Martyn Day	Martin Docherty-Hughes	Marion Fellows
Patricia Gibson	Neil Gray	Drew Hendry
Stewart Hosie	Chris Law	David Linden
Stewart Malcolm McDonald	Stuart C. McDonald	John McNally
Angus Brendan MacNeil	Carol Monaghan	Gavin Newlands
Brendan O’Hara	Tommy Sheppard	Chris Stephens
Alison Thewliss	Dr Philipa Whitford	Pete Wishart

9

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 5, at end insert—

“(2A) The following amendments are made to the Representation of the People Act 1983 for the purposes of the early parliamentary general election to be held under section 1—

- (a) in section 1(a), after “parliamentary electors”, insert “, local government electors or European Parliamentary electors”, and

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This clause extends the franchise to include all relevant citizens of the European Union. All voters*

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*registered as “attainers” on current electoral registers will be able to vote at the election and other newly enfranchised electors will be able to register using existing processes.*

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 5, at end insert—

“(2A) The following amendments are made to the Representation of the People Act 1983 for the purposes of the early parliamentary general election to be held under section 1—

(a) in section 1(d), for “18” substitute “16”.

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This clause reduces the voting age for the election to 16. All voters registered as “attainers” on current electoral registers will be able to vote at the election and other newly enfranchised electors will be able to register using existing processes.*

Frank Field

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★ Clause 1, page 1, line 12, at end insert—

“(4) Subsection (1) applies only if the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill receives Royal Assent on or before 6 November 2019.”

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*NEW CLAUSES*

Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr Nicholas Brown  
Jon Trickett  
Cat Smith

NC1

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Extension of election franchise to 16 and 17 year olds**

(1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows—

(a) In section 1(1)(d) (definition of voting age for parliamentary elections), for “18” substitute “16”; and

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- (b) For section 2(1)(d) (local government electors) and subsection 1A substitute—  
“(d) is of voting age (that is, 16 years or over)”.
- (2) In the Representation of the People Act 1985, in section 1(5) (entitlement to vote of overseas electors), for “18” substitute “16”.
- (3) Electoral registration officers shall take all reasonable steps—
- (a) to register—
- (i) 16 and 17 year olds enfranchised by this Act; and
- (ii) 15 year olds in preparation for enfranchisement under this Act prior to the coming into force of this section; and
- (b) to store, use and share personal data collected under paragraph (a) in ways appropriate to the age of the persons to whom it relates.
- (4) The Secretary of State or other appropriate authority may issue guidance to electoral registration officers in relation to subsection (3).”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause would extend the right to vote to 16 and 17 year olds.*

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Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr Nicholas Brown  
Jon Trickett  
Cat Smith

NC2

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Right to vote in elections of EU nationals resident in the UK**

- (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1(1)(c), after “Ireland”, insert “or a relevant citizen of the Union”.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause would extend to EU citizens resident in the UK the right to vote in parliamentary elections that they currently have in local government elections.*

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Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr Nicholas Brown  
Jon Trickett  
Cat Smith

NC3

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Entitlement to vote in referendums**

- (1) The voting age for referendums held in—
- (a) England;
- (b) Northern Ireland;
- (c) Scotland;
- (d) Wales; or
- (e) any combination thereof

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shall be 16.

- (2) Relevant citizens of the Union as applied by section 2(1)(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 shall be entitled to vote in referendums in—
- (a) England;
  - (b) Northern Ireland;
  - (c) Scotland;
  - (d) Wales; or
  - (e) any combination thereof.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would extend to 16 and 17 year olds, and to EU citizens resident in the UK, the right to vote in referendums.*

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Caroline Lucas

NC4

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Deaf and disabled general election candidates: assistance**

The Government must provide financial assistance for the disability-related costs of deaf and disabled parliamentary general election candidates.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause would have the effect of broadening access to elections for deaf and disabled candidates.*

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Caroline Lucas

NC5

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Unlimited fines for electoral offences**

The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums (Civil Sanctions) Order 2010 is amended as follows: schedule 1, paragraph 5, leave out “£20,000” and insert “unlimited.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause would allow the Electoral Commission to impose unlimited fines for electoral offences.*

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Stephen Doughty  
Danielle Rowley  
Alex Sobel  
Kate Green  
Jim McMahon  
Martin Whitfield

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Rosie Duffield  
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Tonia Antoniazzi  
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Matt Western

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Rushanara Ali  
Jo Stevens  
Ian Murray  
Helen Hayes  
Daniel Zeichner  
Mr Ben Bradshaw  
Dr Paul Williams  
Jess Phillips  
Liz Saville-Roberts  
Anna Soubry  
Hywel Williams  
Debbie Abrahams

NC6

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Voting age (elections)**

- (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows—
  - (a) in section 1(1)(d) (definition of voting age for parliamentary elections), for “18” substitute “16”; and
  - (b) for section 2(1)(d) and subsection 1A substitute—
 

“(d) is of voting age (that is, 16 years or over)”.
- (2) In the Representation of the People Act 1985, in section 1(5) (entitlement to vote of overseas electors), for “18” substitute “16”.
- (3) Electoral Registration Officers shall take all reasonable steps—
  - (a) to register—
    - (i) 16 and 17 year olds enfranchised by this Act; and
    - (ii) 15 year olds in preparation for enfranchisement under this Act.
  - (b) to store, use and share personal data collected under paragraph (a) in ways appropriate to the age of the persons to whom it relates.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*The intention of this New Clause is to allow 16 and 17 year olds in all parts of the UK to vote in the next general election. They now have this right in Wales and Scotland for elections to the Senedd and Scottish Parliament but may not currently vote in UK general elections.*

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Melanie Onn

NC7

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Postal votes by default**

- (1) A Minister of the Crown must make regulations to provide that every registered voter receives a postal ballot for the general election on 12 December 2019.

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- (2) The regulations must not prevent a registered voter who has not cast a postal ballot from voting in person at a polling station, provided that the voter hands to the polling officer either—
  - (a) a sealed postal ballot, or
  - (b) a blank postal ballot in return for a normal ballot paper.
- (3) Regulations under this section must preserve the integrity and secrecy of the ballot and, in particular, must make appropriate provision for proxy votes and for voters with any form of disability.
- (4) Regulations made under this section are subject to annulment by resolution of either House of Parliament.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause is intended to make the necessary provision to secure a normal level of turnout in the wintry and dark conditions of a December election.*

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NC8

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Referendum**

- (1) A referendum must be held on 26 March 2020 to determine whether or not the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.
- (2) A Minister of the Crown may make regulations for the referendum including—
  - (a) specifying the question on the ballot,
  - (b) making the necessary provision for 16- and 17- year olds, who meet the qualification for inclusion on the electoral register for UK parliamentary general elections except in respect of age, to vote in the referendum, and
  - (c) making the necessary provision to add to the parliamentary general election register European Nationals with Settled Status, who in all other



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respects meet the qualification for inclusion on the electoral register for local authority elections.

- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may be made only if a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.”.

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NC9

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Parliamentary standards: enhanced redundancy pay for Members’ staff**

- (1) A Minister of the Crown may, after consulting the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA), make regulations for the payment of four weeks’ additional redundancy pay to a person employed by a Member of Parliament and paid by IPSA if that person is made redundant as a result of the general election on 12 December 2019.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may be made only if a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the House of Commons.”.

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Layla Moran

NC10

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Removal of qualifying period for overseas electors**

The Representation of the People Act 1985 is amended as follows—

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- (1) Section 1(3), leave out paragraph (c).
- (2) Section 1(4), leave out paragraph (a)."

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This new clause would remove the qualifying period for overseas electors, which is currently 15 years.*

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*TITLE*

Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr Nicholas Brown  
Jon Trickett  
Cat Smith

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- ★ Title, line 1, leave out "12" and insert "9"

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is a consequential amendment.*

Ian Murray

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- ★ Title, line 1, leave out "on 12 December 2019" and insert "; and for connected purposes".

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is a consequential amendment.*

Jeremy Corbyn  
Mr Nicholas Brown  
Jon Trickett  
Cat Smith

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- ★ Title, line 2, at end add "; and for connected purposes".

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is a consequential amendment.*

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