



House of Commons

Thursday 18 June 2020

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE

New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

Amendments tabled since the last publication: NC2

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES BILL

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee.

RESOLUTION OF THE PROGRAMMING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Programming Sub-Committee appointed by the Speaker in respect of the Bill agreed the following Resolution at its meeting on Monday 15 June (Standing Order 83C):

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 11.30am on Thursday 18 June) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00pm on Thursday 18 June;
 - (b) at 9.25am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 23 June;
 - (c) at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Thursday 25 June;
 - (d) at 9.25am and 2.00pm on Tuesday 30 June;
 - (e) at 11.30am and 2.00pm on Thursday 2 July;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

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TABLE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.20pm	Boundary Commission for England Boundary Commission for Scotland
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 12.40pm	Boundary Commission for Wales
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 1pm	Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 2.30pm	The Conservative Party
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 3pm	The Labour Party
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 3.30pm	The Liberal Democrats
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 4pm	The Scottish National Party
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 4.30pm	Plaid Cymru
Thursday 18 June	Until no later than 5pm	Professor Richard Wyn Jones, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 9.55am	Dr Alan Renwick, The Constitution Unit, University College London
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 10.10am	The Green Party
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 10.40am	Professor Roger Awan-Scully, School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 11.25am	Professor Iain McLean, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford Professor Sir John Curtice, Department of Politics, University of Strathclyde
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 2.30pm	The Association of Electoral Administrators
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 3pm	The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 3.30pm	The Electoral Reform Society
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 3.50pm	The Democratic Unionist Party
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 4.10pm	Dr Jac Larnier, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University
Tuesday 23 June	Until no later than 5pm	Professor Charles Pattie, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield Dr David Rossiter

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 11, the Schedule, Clause 12, New Clauses, New Schedules, remaining proceedings on the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00pm on Thursday 2 July.

Chloe Smith has given notice of her intention to move a motion in the terms of the Resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee [Standing Order No. 83C].

Chloe Smith

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Chloe Smith

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

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Chloe Smith

NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Registers used to determine the “electorate” in relation to the 2023 reports

- (1) In rule 9(2) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (definition of the “electorate”), for “The” substitute “Subject to sub-paragraph (2A), the”.
- (2) After rule 9(2) of that Schedule insert—

“(2A) In relation to a report under section 3(1) that a Boundary Commission is required (by section 3(2)) to submit before 1 July 2023, the “electorate” of the United Kingdom, or of a part of the United Kingdom or a constituency, is the total number of persons whose names appear on a register of parliamentary electors (maintained under section 9 of the Representation of the People Act 1983) in respect of addresses in the United Kingdom, or in that part or that constituency, as that register has effect on 2 March 2020.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause inserts a new clause (to be added after clause 6) which provides for the meaning of the “electorate” in Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act, in the case of the 2023 reports of the Boundary Commissions, to be determined by reference to the registers of parliamentary electors as they have effect on 2 March 2020 rather than by reference to the versions of those registers which are published under section 13(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 on or before 1 December 2020 (which is the “review date” provided for under clause 7), a prescribed later date, or 1 February 2021 (where section 13(1A) of that Act applies).

Cat Smith

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

“Electorate per constituency

- (1) In rule 2(1)(a) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (electorate per constituency) for “95%” substitute “92.5%”.
- (2) In rule 2(1)(b) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (electorate per constituency) for “105%” substitute “107.5%”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause seeks to widen the permissible range in a constituency’s electorate, which may be up to 7.5% above or below the electoral quota calculated in accordance with Schedule 2, paragraph 2(3) of the 1986 Act.

ORDER OF THE HOUSE [2 JUNE 2020]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Parliamentary Constituencies Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously

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concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 2 July 2020.

3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.
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