



House of Commons

NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

Thursday 9 July 2020

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 and NC3

CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES BILL, AS AMENDED

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This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end.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

Keir Starmer
 Angela Rayner
 Cat Smith
 Rachel Reeves
 Christian Matheson
 Mr Nicholas Brown

NC1

☆ To move the following Clause—

“Electorate per constituency

After rule 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act, insert—

“(1A) Notwithstanding rule 2(1), where it is necessary to take account of the factors listed in rule 5, the electorate of any constituency shall be—

(a) no less than 92.5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and

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(b) no more than 107.5% of that quota.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause seeks to instruct the Boundary Commission to aim for 5% above or below the electoral quota calculated in accordance with Schedule 2 rule 2(3) of the 1986 Act; but widens the permissible range in a constituency’s electorate up to 7.5% above or below the electoral quota in difficult cases where it is necessary to do so to take proper account of all the considerations in rule 5 of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act. It will be at the Boundary Commission’s discretion whether to apply the wider flexibility in specific cases, in order to comply with the rule 5 considerations such as to maintain local and community ties, or to prevent the division of wards.

David Linden
Ben Lake
Ian Blackford
Liz Saville Roberts
Patrick Grady
Kirsten Oswald

Pete Wishart

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

“Allocation of constituencies

“(1) Rule 8 of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (the allocation method) is amended as follows.

(2) After rule 8(5) insert—

“(6) Notwithstanding the allocation of constituencies according to the allocation method set out in rule 8(2)(5), there must be a minimum allocation of constituencies as follows—

- (a) Wales must be allocated at least 40 constituencies (including the protected constituency);
- (b) Scotland must be allocated at least 59 constituencies (including the two protected constituencies);
- (c) Northern Ireland must be allocated at least 18 constituencies; and
- (d) the allocation of constituencies must be adjusted accordingly.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause seeks to protect representation in the devolved nations by securing a minimum number of constituencies in each of the devolved nations.

Wendy Chamberlain

NC3

★ To move the following Clause—

“Definition of “electorate”

In rule 9(2) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act, for “whose names appear on the relevant version of a register of parliamentary electors” substitute “who are

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estimated by the Electoral Commission to be eligible to vote in an election, were they to register””.

Member’s explanatory statement

This new clause would change the definition of ‘electorate’ to include all potential electors, both those who are on an electoral roll and those who are not.

Keir Starmer
 Angela Rayner
 Cat Smith
 Rachel Reeves
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 Mr Nicholas Brown

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☆ Page 2, line 19, leave out Clause 2

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment aims to maintain the status quo of parliamentary oversight within the boundary review process.

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 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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