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House of Commons

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Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Chairman of Ways and Means's provisional Selection and Grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

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Page 2, line 1, leave out Clause 2

Chris Bryant

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Clause 4, page 3, line 11, leave out “it first met”
and insert “of the most recent general election”

Member’s explanatory statement

The intention of this amendment is to require
that the last date for a general election is five
years after the previous general election.

Mrs Maria Miller

NC1

To move the following Clause—

**“Election timetable not to disregard
Saturdays and Sundays and bank holidays**

(1) Schedule 1 to the Representation of the
People Act 1983 is amended as follows.

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(2) In rule 2 (1), omit sub-paragraphs (a) and (b)."

Member's explanatory statement

The purpose of this new clause is to reduce the time between dissolution and the next meeting of Parliament, by including weekends and bank holidays within the parliamentary general election timetable.

Chris Bryant

NC2

To move the following Clause—

"Early parliamentary general elections

- (1) An early parliamentary general election may take place sooner than the automatic dissolution under section 4 of this Act only in accordance with this section.
- (2) An early parliamentary general election is to take place only if the House of Commons passes a motion in the form set out in subsection (3).
- (3) The form of motion for the purposes of subsection (2) is—

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“That there shall be an early parliamentary general election.”

- (4) Subsection (5) applies for the purposes of the Timetable in rule 1 in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983.
- (5) If a parliamentary general election is to take place as provided for by subsection (2), the polling day for the election is to be the day appointed by Her Majesty by proclamation on the recommendation of the Prime Minister which must be no later than 30 days after the date on which the House of Commons has passed the motion in the form set out in subsection (3).”

Member’s explanatory statement

The intention of this new clause is to make dissolution subject to a vote of the House of Commons.

Chris Bryant

NC3

To move the following Clause—

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“Approval of the House of Commons before prorogation

(1) The Prime Minister may recommend the prorogation of a session of Parliament to Her Majesty only if the House of Commons passes a motion in the form set out in subsection (2).

(2) The form of motion for the purposes of subsection (1) is—

“That the current Session of Parliament may be prorogued within ten calendar days of this resolution.”

(3) A motion under section (2) may not specify a number of calendar days greater than ten, but may specify a number of calendar days fewer than ten.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The intention of this new clause is to make prorogation subject to a vote of the House of Commons.

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To move the following Clause—

“Calling of Parliament

(1) The date for the first meeting of a new Parliament must be specified in any proclamation for the dissolution of a Parliament.

(2) The date specified in accordance with subsection (1) may not be later than the 14th day after polling day.”

Member’s explanatory statement

The intention of this new clause is to require Parliament to meet, and a newly elected Commons to sit to elect a Speaker, within two weeks of a general election.



Chris Bryant

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Schedule, page 9, line 12, leave out “19th” and insert “12th”

Member’s explanatory statement

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The intention of this amendment is to shorten the period between dissolution of one Parliament and the first meeting of the next Parliament by reducing the general election campaign from 25 days to 18.

Jonathan Edwards **4**

Schedule, page 18, line 7, after “subsection (2)” insert “and”

Member’s explanatory statement

This is a drafting amendment consequential on Amendment 5.

Jonathan Edwards **5**

Schedule, page 18, line 9, leave out from “(ii)” to end of line 13 and insert “omit paragraph (b)”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the Secretary of State could not make regulations to combine a UK General Election and an extraordinary general election to the Senedd.

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Order of the House

[6 July 2021]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Dissolution and Calling of Parliament

Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

2. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on Consideration 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 in Committee are commenced.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

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4. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

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

Notices Withdrawn

The following notices were withdrawn on 3 September 2021

NC4
