

Electoral Commission (Abolition) Bill

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Abolish the Electoral Commission; and for connected purposes.

BE 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 Abolition of the Electoral Commission

Part 1 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (the Electoral Commission) is repealed.

2 Power to made consequential provision

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make provision consequential on the repeal in section 1. 5
- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) may (among other things) be exercised by modifying any provision made by or under an enactment.
- (3) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) may make transitional and saving provision; 10
 - (b) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

3 Proposal regarding Electoral Commission functions

The Secretary of State must, before the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, lay before Parliament a proposal for how the functions of the Electoral Commission should be carried out following its abolition. 15

4 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) Section 1 comes into force at the end of the period of one year beginning on the day on which this Act is passed. 20

- (3) Sections 2 and 3 and this section come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Electoral Commission (Abolition) Act 2021.

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Presented by Mr Peter Bone

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