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Report Stage: Thursday 13 January 2022

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## Elections Bill, As Amended (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Elections 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

★ New Amendments.

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

New Amendments: 126 to 127 and NC16 to NC18

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Kemi Badenoch

NC11

To move the following Clause—

**“Power to make regulations about registration, absent voting and other matters**

*Schedule (Power to make regulations about registration, absent voting and other matters) contains provision, including provision amending Schedule 2 to RPA 1983, in connection with applications relating to registration, applications to vote by post or proxy, and applications for particular kinds of document.”*

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause, to be inserted after clause 1, introduces NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch

NC12

To move the following Clause—

**“Purposes referred to in section 39**

- (1) This section sets out the purposes referred to in section 39.
- (2) The first purpose is influencing the public, or any section of the public, to give support to or withhold support from—
  - (a) a registered party,
  - (b) registered parties who advocate (or do not advocate) particular policies or who otherwise fall within a particular category of such parties, or
  - (c) candidates or future candidates who hold (or do not hold) particular opinions or who advocate (or do not advocate)

particular policies or who otherwise fall within a particular category of candidates or future candidates.

- (3) For the purposes of determining whether electronic material can reasonably be regarded as intended to achieve the purpose mentioned in subsection (2), it is immaterial that it does not expressly mention the name of any party, candidate or future candidate.
- (4) The second purpose is influencing the public, or any section of the public, to give support to or withhold support from a particular candidate or particular future candidate.
- (5) For the purposes of determining whether electronic material can reasonably be regarded as intended to achieve the purpose mentioned in subsection (4), it is immaterial that it does not expressly mention the name of any candidate or future candidate.
- (6) The third purpose is influencing the public, or any section of the public, to give support to or withhold support from an elected office-holder.
- (7) The fourth purpose is influencing the public, or any section of the public, to give support to or withhold support from elected office-holders who hold (or do not hold) particular opinions or who advocate (or do not advocate) particular policies or who otherwise fall within a particular category of elected office-holders.
- (8) For the purposes of determining whether electronic material can reasonably be regarded as intended to achieve the purpose mentioned in subsection (6) or (7), it is immaterial that it does not expressly mention the name of any elected office-holder.
- (9) The fifth purpose is influencing the public, or any section of the public, to give support to or withhold support from—
  - (a) the holding of a referendum in the United Kingdom or any area in the United Kingdom, or
  - (b) a particular outcome of such a referendum.
- (10) For the purposes of determining whether electronic material can reasonably be regarded as intended to achieve the purpose mentioned in subsection (9)(b), it is immaterial that it does not expressly mention a particular outcome of a referendum.
- (11) In this section “referendum” does not include a poll held under section 64 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause and Amendments 22 and 23 replace the purposes set out in clause 39(3) as the purposes intended to be achieved by paid-for electronic material in order for Part 6 to apply to the material. In particular the New Clause makes it clear that this covers material in support of categories of parties, candidates and elected office-holders and applies whether or not the material expressly names the party etc.

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Alex Norris  
Cat Smith  
Fleur Anderson  
Kate Hollern  
Nick Smith  
Gill Furniss  
Patrick Grady

Brendan O'Hara

NC1

To move the following Clause—

**“Voting from age 16 in parliamentary elections**

In section 1(1)(d) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (definition of voting age for parliamentary elections), for “18” substitute “16”.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would lower the voting age to 16 in UK parliamentary elections.

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Alex Norris  
Cat Smith  
Fleur Anderson  
Kate Hollern  
Nick Smith  
Gill Furniss  
Mr Virendra Sharma

NC2

To move the following Clause—

**“Permissible donors**

- (1) Section 54 (permissible donors) of PPERA is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2)(a), after “register” insert “at the time at which the donation is made, but not an individual so registered as an overseas elector;”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would prevent overseas electors donating to political parties in the UK.

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Brendan O'Hara  
Patrick Grady

NC3

To move the following Clause—

**“Citizens’ assembly on electoral systems**

- (1) The Secretary of State must establish a citizens’ assembly representative of the population aged 16 and over to consider electoral systems in the United Kingdom.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, for each category of election reformed by section (Simple majority system to be used in elections for certain offices), provide to the assembly a report assessing the effects of the reforms on the matters in subsection (3).

- (3) The matters are—
  - (a) voter engagement and understanding,
  - (b) electoral integrity,
  - (c) fairness and proportionality.
- (4) A report under subsection (2) must be provided to the assembly no later than three months after the first election in each category of election after this section comes into force.
- (5) The assembly must—
  - (a) consider the reports under subsection (2),
  - (b) consider other evidence relating to the matters in subsection (3).
- (6) The assembly may make recommendations for legislative or policy change, including for parliamentary elections.”

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Brendan O’Hara  
Patrick Grady

NC4

To move the following Clause—

**“Automatic Voter Registration**

- (1) It is a duty of—
  - (a) the Secretary of State; and
  - (b) registration officers
 to take all reasonable steps to ensure that persons eligible to register to vote in elections in the United Kingdom are so registered.
- (2) The Secretary of State must by regulations require public bodies to provide information to registration officers in accordance with the duty under subsection (1).
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) must apply to public bodies including but not limited to—
  - (a) HM Revenue and Customs;
  - (b) the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency;
  - (c) the National Health Service;
  - (d) NHS Scotland;
  - (e) all types of state funded schools;
  - (f) local authorities;
  - (g) the Department for Work and Pensions;
  - (h) HM Passport Office;
  - (i) police forces;
  - (j) the TV Licensing Authority.
- (4) Registration officers must—
  - (a) use the information provided under regulations under subsection (2) to register otherwise unregistered persons on the appropriate electoral register or registers, or

- (b) if the information provided does not contain all information necessary to register a person who may be eligible, contact that person for the purpose of obtaining the required information to establish whether they are eligible to register and, if so, register them on the appropriate electoral register or registers.
- (5) If a registration officer has registered a person under subsection (4), the officer must notify that person within 30 days and give that person an opportunity to correct any mistaken information.
- (6) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to registration officers on fulfilling their duties under this section.
- (7) Where a person is registered under subsection (4), that person shall be omitted from the edited register unless that person notifies the registration officer to the contrary.
- (8) Nothing in this section affects entitlement to register to vote anonymously."

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Brendan O'Hara  
Patrick Grady

NC5

To move the following Clause—

**"Voting by convicted persons sentenced to terms of 12 months or less**

In section 3(1A) (exceptions to the disenfranchisement of prisoners) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, after "Scotland" insert "or a parliamentary election"."

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would allow prisoners serving a sentence of 12 months or less to vote in UK parliamentary elections.

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Brendan O'Hara  
Patrick Grady

NC6

To move the following Clause—

**"Voting by qualifying foreign nationals**

In section 1(1) (entitlement to vote in parliamentary elections) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, for paragraph (c) substitute—

- "(c) is a Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a qualifying foreign national; and"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This new clause would allow foreign nationals who either do not need leave to remain in the UK or have been granted such leave to vote in UK parliamentary elections.

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Brendan O'Hara  
Patrick Grady

NC7

To move the following Clause—

**“Voting by EU nationals**

In section 1(1) (entitlement to vote in parliamentary elections) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, for paragraph (c) substitute—

“(c) is a Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a relevant citizen of the Union; and”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would allow EU citizens to vote in UK parliamentary elections.

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Brendan O'Hara  
Patrick Grady

NC8

To move the following Clause—

**“Fines for electoral offences**

- (1) The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums (Civil Sanctions) Order 2010 is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 1, paragraph 5, leave out “£20,000” and insert “£500,000, or 5% of the total spend by the organisation or individual being penalised in the election to which the offence relates, whichever is greater”.

**Member’s explanatory statement**

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

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Alex Norris  
Cat Smith  
Fleur Anderson  
Kate Hollern  
Nick Smith  
Gill Furniss  
Mr Virendra Sharma

NC9

To move the following Clause—

**“Permissible donors to be based in the United Kingdom and associated offences**

- (1) Section 54 of PPERA (permissible donors) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (5).
- (2) At the end of subsection (2)(a), insert “ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, and domiciled in the United Kingdom for purposes of individual taxation.”
- (3) After subsection (2)(b)(ii) insert—

- “(iii) employing a majority of its staff at locations within the United Kingdom, and
- (iv) employing at least five staff within the United Kingdom”.
- (4) At the end of subsection (2)(f), insert “has a majority of partners who are on a UK electoral register, are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and are domiciled in the United Kingdom for purposes of individual taxation, employs a majority of its staff at locations within the United Kingdom, and employs at least five staff within the United Kingdom.”
- (5) At the end of subsection (2)(h), insert “has a majority of those persons with significant control who are on a UK electoral register, are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and are domiciled in the United Kingdom for purposes of individual taxation, and also either employs no staff at all, or employs a majority of its staff at locations within the United Kingdom.”
- (6) Section 61 of PPERA (offences concerned with evasion of restrictions on donations) is amended in accordance with subsection (7).
- (7) After subsection (2) insert—
  - “(3) A person commits an offence if they are a director of a company, hold a position of significant control in an unincorporated association, or are a partner in a limited liability partnership, and that company, association or partnership—
    - (a) is not a permissible donor and offers a donation to a political party (whether the donation is accepted or not), or
    - (b) commits, or otherwise causes to be committed, an act which were the body be a person, would be an offence under subsection (1) or (2).”

#### **Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause makes requirements for individual and company donors to be based in the United Kingdom and makes persons running companies liable for donation restriction evasion offences committed by those companies.

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Margaret Ferrier

NC10

To move the following Clause—

#### **“Removal of requirement for election agent’s address to be published**

- (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 67 (appointment of election agent), after subsection (6) insert—
  - “(6A) Though if the candidate or the person acting on behalf of the candidate under this section provides a statement signed by the candidate that the candidate requires the address of the election agent not to be made public and instead states the relevant area within which that address is situated, the public notice under subsection (6) should state that relevant area rather than the address.
  - (6B) In this section, “relevant area” means—
    - (a) for a parliamentary election, the constituency,

- (b) for an Authority election, the Assembly constituency,
- (c) for any other local election, local government area, or
- (d) if the address is outside the United Kingdom, the country within which it is situated.””

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would remove the requirement for public notice of the addresses of election agents (including candidates acting as their own agent) to be given at parliamentary and local elections. The area in which the address is situated could instead be given, as for candidates.

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Mr Alistair Carmichael

NC13

☆ To move the following Clause—

**“Proportional representation for elections to the House of Commons**

- (1) The simple majority system must not be used for any Parliamentary general election after the end of the period of six months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2) The Secretary of State must take all reasonable steps to establish a new proportional representation system of election for Members of the House of Commons that would be expected to result in seats being held by each party roughly reflecting the proportion of votes cast for candidates of that party at the preceding general election.
- (3) A system is suitable for the purposes of subsection (2) if it would over the past five Parliamentary general elections have had a mean average Gallagher proportionality index of less than 10.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision (which may include provision amending any enactment) contingent on the prohibition in subsection (1).”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would abolish first past the post for UK general elections and require the Government to take all reasonable steps to introduce proportional representation.

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Alex Norris

NC14

☆ To move the following Clause—

**“Enfranchisement of certain foreign nationals at parliamentary elections**

- (1) Section 1(1) (entitlement to vote in parliamentary elections) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (c), after “Ireland” insert—
  - “or a foreign national who has—
  - (i) the right of abode in the United Kingdom;
  - (ii) settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme;
  - (iii) indefinite leave to enter the United Kingdom; or
  - (iv) indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom.”



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Mr Richard Holden

NC15

☆ To move the following Clause—

**“Prohibition of double registration**

In section 4 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (Entitlement to be registered as parliamentary or local government elector), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) A person is only entitled to be registered at one address within the United Kingdom at any one time.””

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause seeks to provide an additional check and balance against double voting in UK Parliamentary elections.

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Liam Byrne  
Brendan O’Hara  
Patrick Grady  
Deidre Brock

NC16

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Restrictions on foreign and foreign-influenced donations**

- (1) PPERA is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 54(1) (circumstances in which party may not accept donation), after paragraph (aa) insert—

“(ab) the party has not been given a declaration as required by section 54C; or”.
- (3) In section 54(2) (permissible donors), in paragraph (b)(ii), for “carries on business in the United Kingdom” substitute—

“satisfies the condition set out in subsection (2ZAA)”.
- (4) After section 54(2ZA) insert—

“(2ZAA) The condition referred to in subsection (2)(b)(ii) is that the company or limited liability partnership’s profits generated and taxable within the United Kingdom over the previous 12 months are greater than the value of the donation given.”
- (5) After section 54B (declaration as to whether residence etc condition satisfied), insert—

**“54C Declaration as to whether profit condition is satisfied**

- (1) A company or limited liability partnership making to a registered party a donation in relation to which the condition set out in section 54(2ZAA) applies must give to the party a written declaration stating

whether or not the company or limited liability partnership satisfies that condition.

- (2) A declaration under this section must also state the company or limited liability partnership's full name, address and registration number.
  - (3) A person who knowingly or recklessly makes a false declaration under this section commits an offence.
  - (4) The Commission may issue a notice to a person to provide accounts for the purpose of verifying whether a declaration made under this section is accurate.
  - (5) A person who fails to comply with a notice under subsection (4) commits an offence.
  - (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision requiring a declaration under this section to be retained for a specified period.
  - (7) The requirement in subsection (1) does not apply where, by reason of section 71B(1)(b), the entity by whom the donation would be made is a permissible donor in relation to the donation at the time of its receipt by the party.
  - (8) For the purposes of the following provisions, references in this section to receipt by a registered party should be read instead as follows—
    - (a) for a relevant donation controlled under Schedule 7, receipt by the regulated donee;
    - (b) for a relevant donation controlled under Schedule 11, receipt by the recognised third party;
    - (c) for a relevant donation controlled under Schedule 15, receipt by the permitted participant;
    - (d) for a relevant donation controlled under Schedule 2A of the Representation of the People Act 1983, receipt by the candidate or the candidate's election agent."
- (6) After section 55 (payments etc. which are (or are not) to be treated as donations by permissible donors), insert—

**"55A Donations and national security risk**

- (1) The Commission may give a notice ("a call-in notice") if the Commission reasonably suspects that a qualifying donation has given rise to or may give rise to a risk to national security in relation to electoral integrity.
- (2) If the Commission decides to give a call-in notice, the notice must be given to—
  - (a) the person who made the donation,
  - (b) the party that received the donation,
  - (c) the Secretary of State, and
  - (d) such other persons as the Commission considers appropriate.
- (3) When assessing whether a donation has given or may give rise to a risk to national security in relation to electoral integrity, Commission must consider the characteristics of the person who made the donation, including—

- (a) their sector or sectors of commercial activity or holdings,
  - (b) their technological capabilities,
  - (c) any links to entities which may seek to undermine or threaten the interests of the United Kingdom, including the integrity of its elections,
  - (d) their ultimate controller, or if they can be readily exploited,
  - (e) whether the acquirer they, or their ultimate controller, has committed, or is linked to, criminal or illicit activities that are related to national security, or activities that have given rise to or may give rise to a risk to national security.
- (4) In this section, a “qualifying donation” is a donation of an amount exceeding £25,000.
- (5) The Commission may, in relation to the Commission’s functions under this section, issue a notice to a person to—
- (a) provide information, or
  - (b) attend, or
  - (c) give evidence
- as if such a notice was a notice under section 19 or 20 of the National Security and Investment Act 2021.
- (6) A person who fails to comply with a notice under subsection (5) commits an offence.
- (7) In this section, “assessment period” in relation to a call-in notice under this section has the same meaning as in section 23 of National Security and Investment Act 2021 in relation to a call-in notice under that Act.
- (8) The Commission must, before the end of the assessment period in relation to a call-in notice—
- (a) make a final order, or
  - (b) give a final notification to each person to whom the call-in notice was given.
- (9) The Commission may, during the assessment period, make a final order if the Commission—
- (a) is satisfied, on the balance of probabilities, that the qualifying donation to which the call-in notice applies has given rise to or may give rise to a risk to national security in relation to electoral integrity, and
  - (b) reasonably considers that the provisions of the order are necessary and proportionate for the purpose of preventing, remedying or mitigating the risk.
- (10) During the assessment period, the Commission may make an interim order in relation to a qualifying donation if the Commission reasonably considers that the provisions of the order are necessary and proportionate for the purpose of safeguarding electoral integrity during that period.
- (11) An order under subsection (9) or (10) may—
- (a) require a donation to be held unspent for a period as may be prescribed in the order,

- (b) require a donation to be refused,
  - (c) require a donation to be returned, or
  - (d) prohibit the acceptance of any donation by any registered party from the person who made the donation to which the call-in-notice applies, or from a prescribed person or category of person connected to that person, for a period as may be prescribed in the order.
- (12) The Commission must keep each order under review and may vary or revoke it.”
- (7) In section 156 (orders and regulations)—
- (a) in subsection (3), before paragraph (a) insert—
  - “(za) any order under section 55A;”;
  - (b) after subsection (4D) insert—
- “(4E) Subsection (2) does not apply to regulations under section 54C and regulations may not be made under that section unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”
- (8) In Schedule 20 (penalties), at the appropriate places insert the following entries—

(a) “Section 54C (making a false declaration as to whether profit condition is satisfied or failing to provide accounts)

On summary conviction in England and Wales or Scotland: statutory maximum or 12 months

On summary conviction in Northern Ireland: statutory maximum or 6 months

On indictment: fine or 1 year”.

(b) “Section 55A(6) (failure to comply with a national security call-in notice)

On summary conviction in England and Wales or Scotland: statutory maximum or 12 months

On summary conviction in Northern Ireland: statutory maximum or 6 months

On indictment: fine or 1 year”.

#### **Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause is intended to provide safeguards against the risks of foreign influence in UK elections flagged by the Intelligence and Security Select Committee in its report on Russia, ordered to be printed on 21 July 2020 (HC 632).

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Dr Luke Evans  
Michael Fabricant

NC17

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Publication of candidates’ home address information**

- (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows.
- (2) In Schedule 1, paragraph 6(5)(b), after “constituency” insert “, or town or village,.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause would allow candidates who do not wish their full home address to be published the option (as an alternative to giving the constituency of their home address) of providing the town or village within which that address is situated. That information would then be published on the returning officer’s statement of persons nominated by virtue of Rule 14(3A).

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Deidre Brock  
Brendan O’Hara  
Patrick Grady

NC18

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Unincorporated associations and permissible donors**

- (1) An unincorporated association required to notify the Electoral Commission of political contributions by paragraph 1 of Schedule 19A to PPERA must make permissibility checks on donations to the unincorporated association in accordance with subsection (2).
- (2) An unincorporated association must take all reasonable steps to establish whether the donor of a relevant donation is a permissible donor under section 54 of PPERA.
- (3) In this section, a “relevant donation” is any donation which is either intended for political purposes or might reasonably be assumed to be for political purposes.
- (4) An unincorporated association must not accept a relevant donation from a person who is not a permissible donor.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new clause requires unincorporated associations to establish whether a person making a donation for political purposes is a permissible donor and, if not, reject that donation.

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Alex Norris 1  
 Cat Smith  
 Fleur Anderson  
 Kate Hollern  
 Nick Smith  
 Gill Furniss  
 Mr Virendra Sharma

Page 1, line 4, leave out Clause 1

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would remove the Voter ID provisions.

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Brendan O'Hara 126  
 Patrick Grady

★ Clause 3, page 2, line 25, leave out "dishonestly"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment probes the necessity of adding a further test of dishonesty to the defence in subsection (4) of the inserted provision 112A.

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Alex Norris 2  
 Cat Smith  
 Fleur Anderson  
 Kate Hollern  
 Nick Smith  
 Gill Furniss  
 Caroline Nokes  
 Crispin Blunt  
 Mr Virendra Sharma

Brendan O'Hara Stephen McPartland Daisy Cooper	Patrick Grady Philip Davies Margaret Ferrier
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Clause 8, page 11, leave out lines 20 to 31 and insert—

- “(a) in paragraph (3A)(b), for “a device” substitute “equipment”;
- (b) after paragraph (3A)(b) insert—
  - “(c) such equipment as it is reasonable to provide for the purposes of enabling, or making it easier for, relevant persons to vote in the manner directed by rule 37.”;

(c) after paragraph (3A) insert—

“(3B) In paragraph (3A)(c), “relevant persons” means persons who find it difficult or impossible to vote in the manner directed by rule 37 because of a disability.””

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would retain the requirement for returning officers to make specific provision at polling stations to enable voters who are blind or partially-sighted to vote without any need for assistance from the presiding officer or any companion and change the nature of that provision from “a device” to “equipment”.

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Brendan O’Hara 9  
Patrick Grady  
Page 20, line 19, leave out Clause 13

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Brendan O’Hara 4  
Patrick Grady  
Clause 13, page 22, line 19, at end insert—  
“(4A) The Secretary of State may not designate the statement under section 4A unless the Scottish Parliament has, before the end of the 40-day period, passed a motion of the form “That the Parliament approves the draft Electoral Commission strategy and policy statement so far as it relates to the Commission’s devolved Scottish functions”.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would require the Scottish Parliament to approve an Electoral Commission strategy and policy statement so far as it relates to the Commission’s devolved Scottish functions before the strategy could have effect.

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Ben Lake 127

★ Clause 13, page 22, line 19, at end insert—

“(4A) The Secretary of State may not designate the statement under section 4A unless Senedd Cymru has, before the end of the 40-day period, passed a motion of the form “That Senedd Cymru approves the draft Electoral Commission strategy and policy statement so far as it relates to the Commission’s devolved Welsh functions”.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment would require Senedd Cymru to approve an Electoral Commission strategy and policy statement so far as it relates to the Commission's devolved Welsh functions before the strategy could have effect.

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Brendan O'Hara 10  
Patrick Grady

Page 25, line 20, leave out Clause 14

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Kemi Badenoch 13

Clause 15, page 26, line 29, leave out "Minister for the Cabinet Office" and insert "Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment takes account of a change to the membership of the Speaker's Committee made by the Transfer of Functions (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) Order 2021.

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Kemi Badenoch 14

Clause 15, page 26, line 32, leave out "with responsibilities in relation to the constitution"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment gives greater flexibility regarding which Minister of the Crown may be appointed to exercise, concurrently with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, that Secretary of State's functions as a member of the Speaker's Committee.

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Kemi Badenoch 15

Clause 15, page 26, line 36, leave out "Minister for the Cabinet Office" and insert "Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 13.



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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 15, page 27, line 4, leave out “Minister for the Cabinet Office” and insert “Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 13.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 15, page 27, line 6, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

“(3) The following are revoked—

- (a) the Transfer of Functions (Speaker’s Committee) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/310);
- (b) in article 7(1) of the Transfer of Functions (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/1265), sub-paragraphs (b) and (c).”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides for the revocation of provisions of the Transfer of Functions (Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) Order 2021 that are superseded by clause 15 (as amended by Amendments 13 to 16).

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Brendan O’Hara  
Patrick Grady

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Page 33, line 2, leave out Clause 23

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Brendan O’Hara  
Patrick Grady

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Page 34, line 19, leave out Clause 24

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Alex Norris 3  
 Cat Smith  
 Fleur Anderson  
 Kate Hollern  
 Nick Smith  
 Gill Furniss  
 Mr Virendra Sharma

Page 37, line 5, leave out Clause 26

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would remove the provisions relating to joint campaigning by registered parties and third parties.

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Kemi Badenoch 18  
 Clause 33, page 45, line 29, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

Since the Bill was introduced, responsibility for elections has moved from the Minister for the Cabinet Office to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. This amendment brings Ministerial functions under the Bill into line with the current allocation of Ministerial responsibilities.

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Kemi Badenoch 19  
 Clause 36, page 47, line 6, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 20  
 Clause 37, page 47, line 27, at end insert—

“(10) Part 5 has effect for the purposes of subsections (4) to (6) as if the definition of “relevant elective office” in section 34(1) included an office

to which a person may be elected by a municipal election in the City, as defined by section 191(1) of RPA 1983 (municipal elections in the City of London).”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment has the effect that references in Part 6 to a candidate, future candidate or elected office-holder apply to a candidate or future candidate at, or a person elected at, a municipal election in the City of London.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 38, page 48, line 8, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 39, page 48, line 37, leave out “subsection (3)” and insert “section (*Purposes referred to in section 39*)”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 39, page 48, line 39, leave out subsection (3)

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 39, page 49, line 12, leave out subsection (6)

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 40, page 49, line 21, at end insert "and is published during the referendum period (within the meaning of that Part) for that referendum"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment clarifies that in order for electronic material to meet the condition in clause 40(2)(b) in relation to a referendum, the material must be published during the referendum period for that referendum.

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Kemi Badenoch

26

Clause 41, page 49, line 34, leave out paragraph (a) and insert—  
“(a) a registered party,”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendment 27 bring the drafting of clause 41(2) into line with that of subsection (2) in NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 41, page 49, line 35, leave out "one or more"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 26.

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Kemi Badenoch 28

Clause 41, page 50, line 15, leave out from “candidates” to end of line 18

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendment 29 replace subsection (2)(c) of clause 41 with a new subsection which matches subsection (3) in NC12 and subsections (5) and (7) of clause 41. All make it clear that electronic material need not expressly mention a particular name.

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Kemi Badenoch 29

Clause 41, page 50, line 18, at end insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of determining whether electronic material can reasonably be regarded as intended to achieve the purpose mentioned in subsection (2), it is immaterial that it does not expressly mention the name of any party, candidate or future candidate.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 28.

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Kemi Badenoch 30

Clause 41, page 50, line 20, leave out “a particular election” and insert “one or more particular elections”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment makes the drafting of subsection (4) of clause 41 consistent with the drafting of subsection (2) of that clause, so that both make it clear that electronic material may relate to more than one particular election.

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Kemi Badenoch 31

Clause 41, page 50, line 23, after “not” insert “expressly”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment makes the drafting of subsection (5) of clause 41 consistent with the drafting of subsection (7) of that clause, so that both make it clear that electronic material need not expressly mention a particular name.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 42, page 51, line 3, leave out “section 39” and insert “sections 39 and (*Purposes referred to in section 39*)”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch

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Clause 43, page 52, line 20, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch

34

Clause 46, page 54, line 4, leave out sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) and insert—

- “(i) section (*Purposes referred to in section 39*)(2) (registered parties etc),
- (ii) section (*Purposes referred to in section 39*)(7) (categories of elected office-holders), or
- (iii) section (*Purposes referred to in section 39*)(9) (referendums), or”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch 35

Clause 50, page 56, line 21, leave out “Minister for approval by the Minister” and insert “Secretary of State for approval by the Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 36

Clause 50, page 56, line 22, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 37

Clause 50, page 56, line 23, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 38

Clause 50, page 56, line 24, leave out “Minister has approved draft guidance, the Minister” and insert “Secretary of State has approved draft guidance, the Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 39

Clause 50, page 56, line 29, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 40

Clause 50, page 56, line 30, leave out “Minister’s” and insert “Secretary of State’s”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 41

Clause 50, page 56, line 33, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 42

Clause 50, page 57, line 3, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 43

Clause 50, page 57, line 7, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 44

Clause 50, page 57, line 12, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 45

Clause 56, page 61, line 28, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 46

Clause 58, page 62, line 6, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 47

Clause 60, page 62, leave out lines 33 and 34

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 48

Clause 60, page 63, line 1, leave out subsection (2)

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 49

Clause 61, page 63, line 21, after “3,” insert “8A,”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides for the new paragraph 8A for Schedule 1 to the Bill (inserted by Amendment 76) to extend to Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch 50  
 Clause 61, page 63, line 21, after “14,” insert “22A,”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides for the new paragraph 22A for Schedule 1 to the Bill (inserted by Amendment 90) to extend to Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch 51  
 Clause 62, page 64, line 7, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 52  
 Clause 62, page 64, line 11, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch NS1  
 To move the following Schedule—

“Power to make regulations about registration, absent voting and other matters

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*Amendments to the Representation of the People Act 1983*

- 1 In section 53 of RPA 1983 (power to make regulations as to registration etc), in subsection (1)—
  - (a) omit the “and” at the end of paragraph (b);
  - (b) after paragraph (b) insert—
    - “(ba) with respect to applications under sections 13BD, 13BE and 13C and documents or cards issued under any of those sections; and”.
- 2 Schedule 2 to RPA 1983 (provision which may be contained in regulations as to registration etc) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 3 to 11.
- 3 (1) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows.

- (2) In sub-paragraph (2A)—
  - (a) omit “in Great Britain”;
  - (b) in paragraph (a), for “or 10ZD” substitute “, 10ZD, 13BD, 13BE or 13C”;
  - (c) in the closing words, for “paragraph 3ZA(5)” substitute “paragraphs 3ZA(5) and 3A(6)”.
- (3) After sub-paragraph (5) insert—

“(5A) References in this paragraph to a registration officer’s registration duties include references to—

- (a) in the case of a registration officer in Great Britain, the officer’s functions—
  - (i) under sections 13BD and 13BE, and
  - (ii) in relation to applications under paragraph 3, 4 or 6 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000, other than applications in relation to a local government election, or local government elections, in Scotland or Wales;
- (b) in the case of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, the Chief Electoral Officer’s functions—
  - (i) under section 13C, and
  - (ii) in relation to applications under section 6, 7 or 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1985.”

4 (1) Paragraph 1A is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)(a), for the words from the first “who is” to the end substitute “within sub-paragraph (1A),”.

(3) After sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) The following persons are within this sub-paragraph—

- (a) a person who is registered in a register maintained by the registration officer;
- (b) a person who is named in—
  - (i) an application for registration in, or alteration of, a register;
  - (ii) an application (including a partially completed application) under section 13BD, 13BE or 13C, or
  - (iii) a relevant absent voting application.

(1B) In sub-paragraph (1A)(b)(i), the reference to an application for registration in, or alteration of, a register includes a reference to a partially completed application submitted through the UK digital service.”

(4) After sub-paragraph (5) insert—

“(6) In sub-paragraph (1), the reference to disclosing information includes, in relation to verifying information relating to a person who is named in a relevant registration application or a relevant absent voting application, references to disclosing evidence provided by a person in connection with the application.

(7) In this paragraph—

- (a) “relevant absent voting application” means—
  - (i) an application (including a partially completed application) under paragraph 3, 4 or 6 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000, other than an application in relation to a local government election, or local government elections, in Scotland or Wales, or
  - (ii) an application (including a partially completed application) under section 6, 7 or 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1985;

- (b) “relevant registration application” means an application (including a partially completed application) for registration in, or alteration of—
  - (i) a register of parliamentary electors, or
  - (ii) a register of local government electors in England,
 and includes a form (or partially completed form) in connection with a canvass under section 10;
- (c) “the UK digital service” means a digital service provided by a Minister of the Crown for the registration of electors, and the reference in sub-paragraph (1B) to an application submitted through the UK digital service is a reference to an application submitted using that service as an intermediary.

(8) A notice, including a partially completed notice, under section 8(9) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (cancellation of proxy appointment) is to be treated as a relevant absent voting application for the purposes of this paragraph.”

5 (1) Paragraph 3ZA is amended as follows.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)—

- (a) for “or 10ZD” substitute “, 10ZD, 13BD or 13BE”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), after “applications” insert “and any such declarations”.

(3) After sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) Provision made under sub-paragraph (1) in relation to applications within sub-paragraph (2B) may include provision—

- (a) conferring functions on the Secretary of State to enable applications to be made in a particular manner;
- (b) authorising the Secretary of State, in prescribed circumstances, to complete applications in part for people.

(2B) The following applications are within this sub-paragraph—

- (a) an application for registration in, or alteration of—
  - (i) a register of parliamentary electors,
  - (ii) a register of local government electors in England, or
  - (iii) a register of local government electors in Scotland or Wales, where the application is submitted through the UK digital service;
- (b) an application under section 13BD or 13BE.”

(4) After sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Provision requiring a person making an application under section 13BD or 13BE to provide evidence that the person is the person named in the application.”

(5) In sub-paragraph (4), after “(3)” insert “or (3A)”.

(6) In sub-paragraph (6), after “(3)” insert “or (3A)”.

(7) After sub-paragraph (6) insert—

“(7) In sub-paragraph (2B)(a)(iii), “the UK digital service” means a digital service provided by a Minister of the Crown for the registration of electors, and the reference to an application submitted through the UK digital service is a reference to an application submitted using that service as an intermediary.”

6 For paragraph 3A substitute—

“3A (1) Provision about—

- (a) applications for registration in Northern Ireland and applications under section 13C, including in particular provision about—

- (i) the form and contents of applications and of any declarations to be made in connection with them;
    - (ii) the manner in which applications and any such declarations are to be made;
  - (b) the manner in which forms in connection with a canvass under section 10 are to be submitted.
- (2) Provision made under sub-paragraph (1) may include provision—
- (a) conferring functions on the Secretary of State or the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to enable applications to be made, or forms to be submitted, in a particular manner;
  - (b) conferring other functions on the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland;
  - (c) conferring functions on the Electoral Commission;
  - (d) authorising the Secretary of State or the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, in prescribed circumstances, to complete applications or forms in part for people.
- (3) Provision requiring a person making an application for registration in Northern Ireland—
- (a) to provide evidence that the person is the person named in the application;
  - (b) to provide evidence of entitlement to be registered.
- (4) Provision requiring a person making an application under section 13C to provide evidence that the person is the person named in the application.
- (5) Provision made under sub-paragraph (3) or (4) must specify the kind of evidence that a person is required to provide.
- (6) Examples of the evidence that may be specified include a person's date of birth or national insurance number.
- (7) Provision made under sub-paragraph (3) or (4) may require a person to provide the evidence to the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland or to some other prescribed person (or person of a prescribed description).
- (8) Provision about how any requirement for an applicant to provide a signature in connection with—
- (a) an application for registration in Northern Ireland, or
  - (b) a form submitted in connection with a canvass under section 10,
- may be satisfied."

7 After paragraph 5 insert—

"5ZA(1) Provision about the manner in which relevant absent voting applications are to be made.

- (2) Provision made under sub-paragraph (1) may include provision—
- (a) conferring functions on the Secretary of State, registration officers, or local or public authorities in Great Britain, to enable applications to be made in a particular manner;
  - (b) conferring other functions on registration officers;
  - (c) conferring functions on the Electoral Commission;
  - (d) authorising the Secretary of State or the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, in prescribed circumstances, to complete applications in part for people.
- (3) Provision imposing requirements to be met in relation to a relevant absent voting application.
- (4) Provision about how any requirement for an applicant to provide a signature in connection with a relevant absent voting application may be satisfied.
- (5) In this paragraph "relevant absent voting application" has the same meaning as in paragraph 1A.

(6) A notice under section 8(9) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (cancellation of proxy appointment) is to be treated as a relevant absent voting application for the purposes of this paragraph."

8 In paragraph 8B(1), for "or 10ZD" substitute ", 10ZD, 13BD, 13BE or 13C".

9 After paragraph 8B insert—

"8BA(1) Provision requiring a registration officer in Great Britain to keep records of—

- (a) applications made to the officer under sections 13BD and 13BE;
- (b) documents issued by the officer under those sections.

(2) Provision requiring the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to keep records of—

- (a) applications made to the Chief Electoral Officer under section 13C;
- (b) electoral identity cards issued under that section.

(3) Provision made under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) may include provision about information to be shown in a record.

(4) Provision authorising or requiring a relevant registration officer—

- (a) to supply a copy of a record kept by the officer by virtue of provision made under sub-paragraph (1) or (2), or
  - (b) to disclose information contained in such a record,
- to such persons and for such purposes as may be prescribed.

(5) In sub-paragraph (4), "relevant registration officer" means—

- (a) in relation to a record referred to in sub-paragraph (1), a registration officer in Great Britain;
- (b) in relation to a record referred to in sub-paragraph (2), the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland."

10 In paragraph 8C(1)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), for "or 10A" substitute ", 10A, 13BD, 13BE or 13C";
- (b) in paragraph (c), after "3ZA" insert ", 3A or 8BA".

11 In paragraph 13, after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

"(1ZZA) References in sub-paragraph (1)(b) to a registration officer's registration duties include references to—

- (a) in the case of a registration officer in Great Britain, the officer's functions—
  - (i) under sections 13BD and 13BE, and
  - (ii) in relation to applications under paragraph 3, 4 or 6 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000, other than applications in relation to a local government election, or local government elections, in Scotland or Wales;
- (b) in the case of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland, the Chief Electoral Officer's functions—
  - (i) under section 13C, and
  - (ii) in relation to applications under section 6, 7 or 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1985."

*Power to remove signature requirements*

12 (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations—

- (a) amend Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (absent voting in Great Britain) by removing any requirement for an

- application under paragraph 3, 4 or 7 of that Schedule, other than an excluded application, to contain the applicant's signature;
- (b) amend section 6 or 7 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (absent voting at parliamentary elections in Northern Ireland) by removing any requirement for an application under either of those sections to contain the applicant's signature.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1), "excluded application" means an application in relation to a local government election, or local government elections, in Scotland or Wales.
- (3) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may make—
- (a) different provision for different purposes;
  - (b) consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (4) The consequential provision that may be made by virtue of sub-paragraph (3)(b) includes provision amending any provision made by the Representation of the People Acts.
- (5) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

*Power to make provision about unique reference numbers: elections in Northern Ireland*

- 13 (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the issuing or use of unique reference numbers in connection with—
- (a) applications for registration in a register of parliamentary electors, or a register of local electors, in Northern Ireland;
  - (b) applications to vote by post or proxy at parliamentary or local elections in Northern Ireland;
  - (c) a canvass under section 10 of RPA 1983 (maintenance of registers: duty to conduct canvass in Northern Ireland).
- (2) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may in particular make provision—
- (a) amending or repealing section 10B of RPA 1983 or any other provision made by the Representation of the People Acts about unique reference numbers allocated under that section;
  - (b) amending or repealing any provision made by the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 about such unique reference numbers;
  - (c) changing how unique reference numbers are referred to in any provision made by the Representation of the People Acts or the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989.
- (3) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may make—
- (a) different provision for different purposes;
  - (b) consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision.
- (4) The consequential provision that may be made by virtue of sub-paragraph (3)(b) includes provision amending any provision made by the Representation of the People Acts or the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989.

- (5) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1) are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under sub-paragraph (1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

*Consequential repeals*

14 The following are repealed—

- (a) section 2(2) of the Elections (Northern Ireland) Act 1985;
- (b) paragraph 24(5) of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000;
- (c) paragraph 20(4) of Schedule 4 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This new schedule contains provision about registration, absent voting and some other applications, including provision about how applications are made and about the verification of information or evidence provided in connection with such applications.

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Alex Norris  
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Page 65, line 2, leave out Schedule 1

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 1.

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Kemi Badenoch

53

Schedule 1, page 65, line 10, after “is” insert “or has applied to be”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendments 54 to 56 enable an application for an electoral identity document to be made by a person at the same time as the person applies to be registered in a register of electors.



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Kemi Badenoch 54

Schedule 1, page 65, line 13, after "is" insert "or has applied to be"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 53.

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Kemi Badenoch 55

Schedule 1, page 65, line 15, after "vote" insert "or, as the case may be, will on being registered be entitled to vote,"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 53.

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Kemi Badenoch 56

Schedule 1, page 65, line 19, after "vote" insert "or, as the case may be, will on being registered be entitled to vote,"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 53.

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Kemi Badenoch 57

Schedule 1, page 65, line 21, leave out from "to" to "registered" in line 22 and insert "a registration officer who maintains a register referred to in subsection (1) in which the applicant is or has applied to be"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment enables an applicant for an electoral identity document to apply to any electoral registration officer who maintains a register in which the applicant is, or has applied to be, registered.

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Kemi Badenoch 58

Schedule 1, page 65, leave out lines 23 to 28

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment leaves out provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 59

Schedule 1, page 65, leave out lines 34 to 37

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment leaves out provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 60

Schedule 1, page 66, leave out lines 3 to 5

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment leaves out provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 61

Schedule 1, page 66, line 27, at end insert—

“(12) Regulations under subsection (10) or (11)(a) may confer functions on the Electoral Commission (for example, the Commission may be required to design an electoral identity document).”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment enables functions relating to the content or form of an electoral identity document to be conferred on the Electoral Commission.

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Kemi Badenoch 62

Schedule 1, page 66, line 31, after “has” insert “or has applied for”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendments 63 to 65 enable an application for an anonymous elector's document to be made by a person at the same time as the person applies to be registered in a register of electors.

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Kemi Badenoch 63

Schedule 1, page 66, line 34, after “has” insert “or has applied for”

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 62.

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Kemi Badenoch 64

Schedule 1, page 66, line 36, after "vote" insert "or, as the case may be, will on having an anonymous entry in the register be entitled to vote,"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 62.

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Kemi Badenoch 65

Schedule 1, page 66, line 40, after "vote" insert "or, as the case may be, will on having an anonymous entry in the register be entitled to vote,"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 62.

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Kemi Badenoch 66

Schedule 1, page 67, line 1, leave out from "to" to an" in line 2 and insert "a registration officer who maintains a register referred to in subsection (1) in which the applicant has or has applied for"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment enables an applicant for an anonymous elector's document to apply to any electoral registration officer who maintains a register in which the applicant is, or has applied to be, registered.

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Kemi Badenoch 67

Schedule 1, page 67, leave out lines 4 to 9

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment leaves out provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 68

Schedule 1, page 67, leave out lines 15 to 18

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment leaves out provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 69

Schedule 1, page 67, leave out lines 21 to 23

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment leaves out provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 70

Schedule 1, page 68, line 5, at end insert—

“(12) Regulations under subsection (10) or (11)(a) may confer functions on the Electoral Commission (for example, the Commission may be required to design an anonymous elector’s document).”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment enables functions relating to the content or form of an anonymous elector’s document to be conferred on the Electoral Commission.

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Kemi Badenoch 71

Schedule 1, page 68, line 5, at end insert—

“(13) Regulations—

- (a) may authorise or require a registration officer to remind a person who has an anonymous entry in a register maintained by the officer of the need to obtain an anonymous elector’s document in order to be able to vote in person;
- (b) may require a registration officer, in prescribed circumstances, to replace an anonymous elector’s document issued to a person with a new anonymous elector’s document issued by the officer.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment provides for the making of regulations authorising or requiring a reminder to be sent to an anonymous elector about the need for an anonymous elector’s document for voting in person, and requiring a registration officer to issue the holder of an anonymous elector’s document with a new document in prescribed circumstances.

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Kemi Badenoch 72

Schedule 1, page 68, line 6, at end insert—

“(1A) In subsection (2)—

- (a) omit the “and” after paragraph (a);
- (b) omit paragraph (b).”

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment omits from section 13C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 73

Schedule 1, page 68, leave out lines 9 to 12

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment leaves out provision that is no longer needed as a result of NS1.

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Kemi Badenoch 74

Schedule 1, page 69, line 15, at end insert—

"4A In section 56 (registration appeals: England and Wales), in subsection (1), after paragraph (ab) insert—

- "(ac) from a determination of a registration officer not to issue—
- (i) an electoral identity document following an application under section 13BD, or
  - (ii) an anonymous elector's document following an application under section 13BE,".

4B In section 58 (registration appeals: Northern Ireland), in subsection (1), after paragraph (ba) insert—

- "(bb) from a determination of the Chief Electoral Officer not to issue an electoral identity card following an application under section 13C;".

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment enables an appeal to be made against the refusal of an application for an electoral identity document, an anonymous elector's document or an electoral identity card.

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Kemi Badenoch 75

Schedule 1, page 70, line 28, leave out "56A" and insert "19B, 56A"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment makes it an offence to fail to comply with a condition imposed by regulations under rule 19B of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (inserted by Amendment 76).

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Kemi Badenoch 76

Schedule 1, page 70, line 30, at end insert—

"8A After rule 19A insert—

*"Date of birth lists for polling stations in Northern Ireland*

19B (1) The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland must prepare the following lists for each polling station—

- (a) a list setting out, in relation to each elector allotted to the polling station, the elector's date of birth as supplied pursuant to section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b);
  - (b) a list setting out, in relation to each person appointed to vote as proxy for an elector allotted to the polling station, the person's date of birth as supplied pursuant to—
    - (i) section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b), where the person is or will be registered in a register of parliamentary electors in Northern Ireland, or
    - (ii) section 8(7A) of the Representation of the People Act 1985, where the person is or will be registered in a register of parliamentary electors in Great Britain.
- (2) A list prepared under paragraph (1) must include sufficient information for the purposes of enabling the presiding officer or a clerk at the polling station to make a decision under rule 37(1B)(a)(ii) (decision whether specified document raises doubt as to voter's apparent age).
- (3) A person to whom paragraph (4) applies must not, otherwise than in accordance with these rules (including regulations under paragraph (5))—
  - (a) permit a list prepared under paragraph (1) for a polling station to be inspected;
  - (b) supply to any person a copy of a list prepared under paragraph (1) for a polling station or information contained in such a list;
  - (c) make use of information contained in a list prepared under paragraph (1).
- (4) This paragraph applies to—
  - (a) the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland;
  - (b) a person to whom functions are delegated by the Chief Electoral Officer;
  - (c) the presiding officer of the polling station;
  - (d) a clerk or other officer appointed to work at the polling station.
- (5) Regulations may make provision—
  - (a) enabling the inspection of a list prepared under paragraph (1) by prescribed persons;
  - (b) authorising or requiring prescribed persons to supply a copy of a list prepared under paragraph (1) to such persons as may be prescribed;
  - (c) for the payment of a fee in respect of the inspection of a list or the supply of a copy of a list.
- (6) Regulations under paragraph (5)(a) or (b) may impose conditions in relation to—
  - (a) the inspection of a list;
  - (b) the supply of a copy of a list;
  - (c) the purposes for which information contained in a list that is inspected or supplied in pursuance of the regulations may be used.
- (7) The conditions that may be imposed by virtue of paragraph (6)(b) include conditions relating to the extent to which a person to whom a copy of a list has been supplied may—
  - (a) supply the copy to any other person,
  - (b) disclose to any other person information contained in the copy, or
  - (c) use any such information for a purpose other than that for which the copy was supplied to the person.
- (8) Regulations under paragraph (5) may also impose, in respect of persons to whom a copy of a list has been supplied or information has been disclosed by virtue of paragraph (7), conditions corresponding to those mentioned in paragraph (7)."

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment requires the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to prepare lists containing the dates of births of electors at polling stations in Northern Ireland and of proxies appointed to vote for such electors, and makes provision about disclosure of such lists.

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Kemi Badenoch

77

Schedule 1, page 71, line 30, at end insert—

“(1A) In paragraph (3), after sub-paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) in the case of an election held in Northern Ireland, the lists prepared for the polling station under rule 19B.””

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment requires the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to provide to a polling station the date of birth lists prepared under rule 19B (inserted by Amendment 76).

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Kemi Badenoch

78

Schedule 1, page 73, line 34, leave out “section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b) of this Act” and insert “a relevant provision (see paragraph (1DC))”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendment 79 enable a date of birth check to be made where a person who is registered in a register of parliamentary electors in Great Britain is voting as proxy for an elector at a parliamentary election in Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch

79

Schedule 1, page 74, line 17, at end insert—

“(1DC) For the purposes of paragraph (1B)(a)(ii), “relevant provision” means—

- (a) where the voter is registered in a register of parliamentary electors in Northern Ireland, section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b) of this Act, and
- (b) where the voter is registered in a register of parliamentary electors in Great Britain, section 8(7A) of the Representation of the People Act 1985.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 78.

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Kemi Badenoch

80

Schedule 1, page 76, line 8, after “document”” insert “, except in the case of a voter with an anonymous entry in the register of electors (as to which see paragraph 11B),”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment, together with Amendments 83 and 85, clarify that the only form of photo identification that may be used by a voter who has an anonymous entry in the register is a current anonymous elector’s document issued under section 13BE of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

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Kemi Badenoch 81

Schedule 1, page 76, line 9, leave out “and regardless of any expiry date”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 86.

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Kemi Badenoch 82

Schedule 1, page 76, leave out lines 26 to 40 and insert—

“(h) a relevant concessionary travel pass (see paragraph (1A));”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendment 84 set out the full list of concessionary travel passes that may be used for the purposes of obtaining a ballot paper at a polling station.

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Kemi Badenoch 83

Schedule 1, page 77, leave out lines 3 to 6

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 80.

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Kemi Badenoch 84

Schedule 1, page 77, line 15, at end insert—

“(1A) In paragraph (1H)(h), “relevant concessionary travel pass” means a concessionary travel pass listed in the second column of the following table—

passes funded by the Government of the United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an Older Person’s Bus Pass</li> <li>a Disabled Person’s Bus Pass</li> <li>an Oyster 60+ card</li> <li>a Freedom Pass</li> </ul>
passes funded by the Scottish Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the National Entitlement Card</li> </ul>
passes funded by the Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a 60 and Over Welsh Concessionary Travel Card</li> <li>a Disabled Person’s Welsh Concessionary Travel Card</li> </ul>



passes issued under the Northern Ireland Concessionary Fares Scheme	a Senior SmartPass
	a Registered Blind SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass
	a War Disablement SmartPass or War Disabled SmartPass
	a 60+ SmartPass
	a Half Fare SmartPass"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 82.

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Kemi Badenoch

85

Schedule 1, page 77, line 15, at end insert—

“(1B) In this rule a “specified document”, in the case of a voter who has an anonymous entry in the register of electors, means an anonymous elector's document issued to the voter under section 13BE which—

- (a) was issued by an appropriate registration officer, and
- (b) contains the voter's current electoral number.

(1C) For the purposes of paragraph (1B)—

“appropriate registration officer” means—

- (a) the registration officer for the constituency in which the election is being held, or
- (b) where the election is being held in a constituency for which there is more than one registration officer, any of those officers;

a voter's “electoral number” is the number—

- (a) allocated to the voter as stated in the copy of the register of electors, or
- (b) where an entry relating to the voter is added to the register in pursuance of a notice issued under section 13B(3B) or (3D), as stated in the copy of that notice.”

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 80. This new paragraph for rule 37 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 would be inserted immediately after paragraph (1A) inserted into that rule by Amendment 84.

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Kemi Badenoch

86

Schedule 1, page 77, line 15, at end insert—

“(1D) A reference in this rule to a document that is a specified document is a reference to the document regardless of any expiry date relating to it (subject to paragraph (1E)).

(11E) Paragraph (11D) does not apply to a document which—

- (a) is referred to in paragraph (1H)(k) or (11B), and
- (b) in accordance with regulations made by virtue of section 13BD or 13BE (as the case may be), is issued for use only at a particular poll or at particular polls being held on the same day.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides that while most documents listed in rule 37(1H) (inserted by the Bill) may be used regardless of any expiry date, that does not apply to certain documents that have been issued for a limited period. These new paragraphs would be inserted immediately after paragraph (11C) inserted by Amendment 85.

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Kemi Badenoch

87

Schedule 1, page 77, leave out lines 18 to 23 and insert—

“(1K) Regulations may make provision varying paragraph (1H), (1I) or (11A) by—

- (a) adding a reference to a document to any of those paragraphs,
- (b) removing a reference to a document from any of those paragraphs (other than the document referred to in paragraph (1H)(k)), or
- (c) varying any description of document referred to in any of those paragraphs.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment clarifies that the power to vary the list of acceptable forms of photo identification extends to varying the lists in rule 37(1I) (inserted by the Bill) and the list in paragraph (11A) (inserted by Amendment 84).

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Kemi Badenoch

88

Schedule 1, page 77, line 32, leave out sub-paragraph (5) and insert—

“(5) In paragraph (2), omit the words from “and only” to the end.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment corrects an error relating to the Amendment of rule 37(2) of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983.

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Kemi Badenoch

89

Schedule 1, page 82, line 16, at end insert—

- “(dc) in the case of an election held in Northern Ireland, the lists provided to the polling station under rule 29(3)(f),”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment requires the date of birth lists provided to a polling station in Northern Ireland under rule 29(3)(f) (inserted by Amendment 77) to be sealed and delivered to the returning officer after the close of the poll for a parliamentary election in Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch 90

Schedule 1, page 82, line 16, at end insert—

“22A After rule 53A insert—

*“Destruction of date of birth lists: Northern Ireland*

53B The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland must destroy the lists provided to the polling station under rule 29(3)(f)—

- (a) on the next working day following the 21st day after the Chief Electoral Officer has returned the name of the member elected, or
- (b) if an election petition questioning the election or return is presented before that day, on the next working day following the conclusion of proceedings on the petition or on appeal from such proceedings.””

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment requires the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to destroy the date of birth lists provided to a polling station under rule 29(3)(f) (inserted by Amendment 77) within a particular period after the close of the poll for a parliamentary election in Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch 91

Schedule 2, page 88, line 30, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 92

Schedule 3, page 92, line 2, at end insert—

- “(g) At an election held in Northern Ireland, “What is your date of birth?”.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment enables a person voting as proxy to be asked for their date of birth when applying for a ballot paper at a parliamentary election in Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch 93

Schedule 3, page 93, line 24, at end insert—

“(5) After subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) The requirements prescribed under subsections (6) and (7) must include a requirement for an application to contain the proxy’s date of birth.””

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides that an application under section 8(6) or (7) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 to appoint a proxy to vote at a parliamentary election in Northern Ireland must include the proxy’s date of birth.

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Kemi Badenoch

94

Schedule 3, page 95, line 34, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch

95

Schedule 3, page 96, line 28, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch

96

Schedule 5, page 104, line 17, at end insert—

“6A After rule 16A insert—

*“Date of birth lists*

16B (1) The returning officer must prepare the following lists for each polling station—

- (a) a list setting out, in relation to each elector allotted to the polling station, the elector’s date of birth as supplied pursuant to section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as applied by Schedule 1 to the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989);
- (b) a list setting out, in relation to each person appointed to vote as proxy for an elector allotted to the polling station, the person’s date of birth as supplied pursuant to—
  - (i) section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as applied by Schedule 1 to the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989), where the person is or will be registered in a register of local electors in Northern Ireland, or

- (ii) paragraph 9(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, where the person is or will be registered in a register of local government electors in Great Britain.
- (2) A list prepared under paragraph (1) must include sufficient information for the purposes of enabling the presiding officer or a clerk at each polling station to make a decision under rule 34(3)(a)(ii) (decision whether specified document raises doubt as to voter's apparent age).
- (3) A person to whom paragraph (4) applies must not, otherwise than in accordance with these rules or provision made by or under any other enactment—
- (a) permit a list prepared under paragraph (1) for a polling station to be inspected;
  - (b) supply to any person a copy of a list prepared under paragraph (1) for a polling station or information contained in such a list;
  - (c) make use of information contained in a list prepared under paragraph (1).
- (4) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) the returning officer;
  - (b) a person to whom functions are delegated by the returning officer;
  - (c) the presiding officer of the polling station;
  - (d) a clerk or other officer appointed to work at the polling station.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment requires the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to prepare lists containing the dates of births of electors at polling stations in Northern Ireland and of proxies appointed to vote for such electors and makes provision about disclosure of such lists.

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Kemi Badenoch

97

Schedule 5, page 104, line 31, at end insert—

“(1A) In paragraph (3), after sub-paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) the lists prepared for the polling station under rule 16B.””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment requires the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland to provide to a polling station the date of birth lists prepared under rule 16B (inserted by Amendment 96).

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Kemi Badenoch

98

Schedule 5, page 105, line 3, at end insert—

“(1A) In paragraph (1A), after “elector” insert “or as proxy””

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment enables a person voting as proxy to be asked for their date of birth when applying for a ballot paper at a local election in Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch 99

Schedule 5, page 106, line 21, leave out from “to” to “raises” in line 25 and insert “a relevant provision (see paragraph (5C)),”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendment 100 make provision, for local elections in Northern Ireland, corresponding to the provision made in relation to parliamentary elections by Amendments 78 and 79.

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Kemi Badenoch 100

Schedule 5, page 107, line 7, at end insert—

“(5C) For the purposes of paragraph (3)(a)(ii), “relevant provision” means—

- (a) where the voter is registered in a register of local electors in Northern Ireland, section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as applied by Schedule 1 to the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989), and
- (b) where the voter is registered in a register of local government electors in Great Britain, paragraph 9(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 99.

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Kemi Badenoch 101

Schedule 5, page 108, line 15, at end insert—

“15A In rule 41(1) (sealing and delivery of documents etc), after sub-paragraph (da) insert—

“(db) the lists provided to the polling station under rule 26(3)(f),”.

15B(1) Rule 56A (destruction of home address forms) is amended as follows.

(2) For “each candidate’s home address form” substitute “the documents mentioned in paragraph (1A)”.

(3) After paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) The documents referred to in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) each candidate’s home address form;
- (b) the lists provided to the polling station under rule 26(3)(f).”

(4) In the heading, after “forms” insert “and date of birth lists”.

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment makes provision, for local elections in Northern Ireland, corresponding to that made by Amendments 89 and 90.

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Kemi Badenoch

102

Schedule 5, page 114, line 18, at end insert—

“22A In paragraph 9(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (additional requirements for applications for appointment of a proxy), after “name” insert “, date of birth”.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides that an application under paragraph 3(5) or (6) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 to appoint a proxy to vote at a local election in Northern Ireland must include the proxy’s date of birth.

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Kemi Badenoch

103

Schedule 5, page 114, line 18, at end insert—

*“Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989*

22A(1) Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 (application and modification of RPA 1983 in relation to local elections in Northern Ireland) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 14, after sub-paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) subsection (1)(ba) is omitted;”.

(3) In paragraph 16, for “subsection (1)(c)” substitute “subsection (1)(bb) and (c)”.

(4) For paragraph 18 substitute—

“18A In Schedule 2, references to applications under sections 13BD, 13BE and 13C and documents or cards issued under any of those sections are to be disregarded, and the following are omitted—

(a) in paragraph 1A—

(i) sub-paragraph (1A)(b)(iii);

(ii) in sub-paragraph (6), “or a relevant absent voting application”;

(iii) sub-paragraphs (7)(a) and (8);

(b) in paragraph 5(2), “or with his appointment as a proxy”;

(c) paragraphs 5ZA and 5A;

(d) in paragraph 13(1)(a), “or paragraph 2”.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment makes amendments relating to the application of provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1983 in relation to local elections in Northern Ireland.

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Kemi Badenoch

104

Schedule 5, page 115, line 35, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 105

Schedule 5, page 116, line 37, at end insert—

“29A In the table, after the entry for rule 19A of Schedule 1 to RPA 1983 insert—

“Rule 19B (preparation of date of birth lists)	In paragraph (1)(b)(ii), for the words “register of parliamentary electors in Great Britain” substitute “register of local government electors in Great Britain”.”
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**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendment 108 apply to elections for the Northern Ireland Assembly requirements relating to date of birth lists for polling stations.

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Kemi Badenoch 106

Schedule 5, page 117, line 3, leave out “and” and insert “to”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment and Amendment 107 provide for a modification in the way in which rule 37 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 applies for the purposes of elections for the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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Kemi Badenoch 107

Schedule 5, page 117, line 5, at end insert—

“31A In the entry for rule 37 (voting procedure), before the paragraph beginning “In paragraph (1E)(b)” insert—

“In paragraph (1DC), for sub-paragraph (b) substitute—	“(b) where the voter is registered in a register of local government electors in Great Britain, paragraph 9(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.””
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**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 106.



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Kemi Badenoch 108

Schedule 5, page 117, line 9, at end insert—

“32A In the table, after the entry for rule 53A of Schedule 1 to RPA 1983 insert—

“Rule 53B (destruction of date of  
birth lists)””

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 105.

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Kemi Badenoch 109

Schedule 5, page 117, line 9, at end insert—

“32B In the entry for section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (proxies at elections), in the right-hand column—

(a) before the entry relating to subsection (3)(b) of that section insert—

“In subsection (2A), for “register of parliamentary electors in Great Britain or Northern Ireland” substitute “register of local government electors in Great Britain or a register of local electors in Northern Ireland”;

(b) after the entry relating to subsection (6) of that section insert—

“In subsection (7A), for “subsections (6) and” substitute “subsection”.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides for modifications in how section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 is applied in relation to elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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Kemi Badenoch 110

Schedule 5, page 118, line 14, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Dame Margaret Hodge 125  
Alison Thewliss

☆ Schedule 6, page 120, line 5, at end insert—

*“Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000*

6A In section 54(2)(a) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, after the word “individual” insert the words “who is resident in the United Kingdom and”.

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment would exclude non-UK-resident individuals from the definition of “permissible donor” for the purposes of the rules permitting donations to political parties.

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Kemi Badenoch 111

Schedule 6, page 122, line 2, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 112

Schedule 6, page 123, line 10, leave out “Minister” and insert “Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 113

Schedule 6, page 123, line 19, leave out “Minister may take whatever steps the Minister” and insert “Secretary of State may take whatever steps the Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 114

Schedule 6, page 123, line 30, leave out “Minister for the purpose of enabling the Minister” and insert “Secretary of State for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch

115

Schedule 6, page 123, leave out line 32 and insert “The Secretary of State may use information held by, or provided to, the Secretary of State”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch

116

Schedule 7, page 130, line 9, at end insert—

*“City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957*

“1A(1) The City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 is amended as follows—

(2) In section 4(1) (interpretation of Part 2)—

- (a) omit the definitions of “citizen of the Union” and “relevant citizen of the Union”;
- (b) at the appropriate places insert—

““EU citizen with retained rights” has the same meaning as in the Act of 1983 (see section 203B of that Act);”;

““qualifying EU citizen” has the same meaning as in the Act of 1983 (see section 203A of that Act);”.

(3) In section 5 (qualification of candidate for election to common council), in subsection (1), for “or a relevant citizen of the Union” substitute “or a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights”.

(4) In section 6 (qualification of voters at ward elections), in subsection (1), for “relevant citizens of the Union” substitute “qualifying EU citizens or EU citizens with retained rights”.

**Member’s explanatory statement**

This amendment provides for amendments to the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 in relation to the voting and candidacy rights of EU citizens in elections to the Common Council of the City of London.

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Kemi Badenoch 117

Schedule 7, page 131, line 6, after "citizen" insert "(within the meaning given by section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972)"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment ensures that the expression "qualifying Commonwealth citizen" in paragraph 8 of Schedule 5B to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 has the meaning given by section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Kemi Badenoch 118

Schedule 7, page 135, line 33, leave out "Minister" and insert "Secretary of State"

**Member's explanatory statement**

See the explanatory statement for Amendment 18.

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Kemi Badenoch 119

Schedule 10, page 149, line 35, leave out "39(3)(b)" and insert "(Purposes referred to in section 39)(4)"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch 120

Schedule 10, page 150, line 28, leave out "39(3)(b)" and insert "(Purposes referred to in section 39)(4)"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch 121

Schedule 10, page 151, line 8, leave out "39(3)(b)" and insert "(Purposes referred to in section 39)(4)"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch 122

Schedule 10, page 151, line 29, leave out "39(3)(b)" and insert "*(Purposes referred to in section 39)(4)*"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch 123

Schedule 10, page 152, line 7, leave out "39(3)(b)" and insert "*(Purposes referred to in section 39)(4)*"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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Kemi Badenoch 124

Schedule 10, page 152, line 22, leave out "39(3)(b)" and insert "*(Purposes referred to in section 39)(4)*"

**Member's explanatory statement**

This amendment is consequential on NC12.

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## Order of the House

### [7 September 2021]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Elections 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 Wednesday 3 November 2021.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

**Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading**

4. 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 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 Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.
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## Notices Withdrawn

The following notices were withdrawn on 11 January 2022:

6 and 8

The following notices were withdrawn on 12 January 2022:

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