

LORDS AMENDMENTS TO THE
NORTHERN IRELAND (MINISTERS, ELECTIONS AND PETITIONS OF
CONCERN) BILL

[The page and line references are to HL Bill 60, the bill as first printed for the Lords]

After Clause 3

1 Insert the following new Clause –

“Transitional provision

- (1) The amendments made by sections 1(2), (3) and (5) and 2(2) do not apply in a case where section 16A of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 applies as the result of an Assembly being elected before this Act comes into force.
- (2) The new provisions relating to vacancies in the office of First Minister or deputy First Minister –
 - (a) apply in relation to vacancies arising within the period of seven days ending when this Act comes into force, but
 - (b) do not otherwise apply in relation to vacancies arising before this Act comes into force.
- (3) For these purposes “the new provisions relating to vacancies in the office of First Minister or deputy First Minister” means –
 - (a) the amendment made by section 1(4),
 - (b) the new section 18(A1)(c) to be inserted into the Northern Ireland Act 1998 by section 2(3), and
 - (c) the new paragraph 3D(A1)(c) to be inserted into Schedule 4A to that Act by section 2(5).
- (4) The amendments made by section 3 do not apply where the duty of the Secretary of State under section 32(1) or (3) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 arises before this Act comes into force.”

Clause 8

2 Page 8, line 11, leave out from “force” to “the” on line 12 and insert “on”

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