

# NORTHERN IRELAND (MINISTERS, ELECTIONS AND PETITIONS OF CONCERN) BILL

## EXPLANATORY NOTES ON LORDS AMENDMENTS

### What these notes do

1. These Explanatory Notes relate to the Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill as brought from the House of Lords on 25 January 2022.
2. These Explanatory Notes have been prepared by the Northern Ireland Office in order to assist the reader of the Bill and the Lords Amendments. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by Parliament.
3. These Explanatory Notes, like the Lords Amendments themselves, refer to HL Bill 60, the Bill as first introduced in the Commons.
4. These Explanatory Notes need to be read in conjunction with the Lords amendments and the text of the Bill. They are not, and are not intended to be, a comprehensive description of the Bill.
5. Lords Amendment 1 was tabled in the name of the Bill Minister, Lord Caine, and was supported by the House.
6. Lords Amendment 2 was tabled in the name of the Bill Minister, Lord Caine, and was supported by the House.

# Commentary on Lords Amendments

## Lords Amendments after Clause 3

### Lords Amendment 1

7. Lords Amendment 1 allows for the provisions in this Bill to apply should Royal Assent coincide with the offices of the First or deputy First Minister becoming vacant, triggering the 7 day Executive formation period. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions in this legislation will apply.

## Lords Amendments to Clause 8

### Lords Amendment 2

8. Lords Amendment 2 allows for provisions in this Bill to come into effect on the day of Royal Assent.

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These Explanatory Notes relate to the Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill which was brought from the House of Lords on 25 January 2022 (Bill 236).

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