

Public Bodies (Representation from Devolved Nations) Bill

[AS INTRODUCED]

CONTENTS

- 1 Duty of Ministers
- 2 Extent, commencement and short title

[AS INTRODUCED]

A

B I L L

TO

Require the Government to have regard to the desirability of boards of public bodies including at least one person with relevant experience in at least one of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

BE IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duty of Ministers

- (1) A Minister of the Crown has a duty to have regard to the desirability of boards of public bodies including at least one person with relevant experience in at least one of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The duty extends to— 5
 - (a) actions of a Minister of the Crown or on behalf of a Minister of the Crown in making or approving appointments to public bodies;
 - (b) guidance on making or approving appointments to public bodies issued by, or on behalf of, a Minister of the Crown.
- (3) The duty does not extend to appointments within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, Senedd Cymru or the Northern Ireland Assembly. 10
- (4) In this Act, “public body” means a body or other person whose functions—
 - (a) are of a public nature, or
 - (b) include functions of that nature (though in that case the body or person is a public body to the extent only of those functions). 15

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) The Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Public Bodies (Representation from Devolved Nations) Act 2023. 20

Public Bodies (Representation from Devolved Nations) Bill

[AS INTRODUCED]

A

B I L L

TO

Require the Government to have regard to the desirability of boards of public bodies including at least one person with relevant experience in at least one of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Presented by Wendy Chamberlain

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be
Printed, 20th June 2022.

© Parliamentary copyright House of Commons 2023

*This publication may be reproduced under the terms of the Open Parliament Licence, which is published at
www.parliament.uk/site-information/copyright*

PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS