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British Citizenship (Northern Ireland) Bill (Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the British Citizenship (Northern Ireland) 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 Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document.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.

This document should be read alongside the Chair's provisional Selection and Grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

Gavin Robinson

1

Clause 1, page 1, line 5, leave out "persons born in Ireland" and insert "Irish citizens"

Member's explanatory statement

This Amendment changes the section heading of the new section 4AA inserted into the British Nationality Act 1981 by clause 1 to reflect the change made by Amendment 2.

Gavin Robinson

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Clause 1, page 1, line 6, leave out from beginning to "is" and insert "An Irish citizen"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment means that Irish citizens who fulfil the requirements in subsection (2) of new section 4AA (changed by Amendments 3 and 4) are entitled to be registered as British citizens under new section 4AA, rather than just persons born in Ireland after 31 December 1948 who fulfil those requirements.

Gavin Robinson

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Clause 1, page 1, line 12, leave out "Northern Ireland" and insert "the United Kingdom"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and Amendment 4 change the residence requirements for the new route to British citizenship in the new section 4AA, so that the requirement is that the person has lived in the United Kingdom for the five years before their application, rather than in Northern Ireland.

Gavin Robinson

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Clause 1, page 1, line 14, leave out "Northern Ireland" and insert "the United Kingdom"

Member's explanatory statement

See explanatory statement to Amendment 3.

Gavin Robinson

5

Clause 1, page 2, line 13, leave out "persons born in Ireland" and insert "Irish citizens"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 1.

Gavin Robinson

6

Clause 2, page 2, line 21, leave out "Citizenship (Northern Ireland)" and insert "Nationality (Irish Citizens)"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment changes the short title of the bill, to reflect the change made by Amendment 2.

Gavin Robinson

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Title, line 1, leave out from "provision" to end of line 2 and insert "for Irish citizens who have been resident in the United Kingdom for five years to be entitled to British citizenship;"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment changes the long title of the bill to reflect the changes made by Amendments 2, 3 and 4. The Committee has the power to consider these amendments, and the consequential changes to the long title, by virtue of the Instruction given to it by the House of Commons on 5 March 2024.