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Extend the franchise for parliamentary and other elections, and for referendums, to all citizens over the age of 16 years.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’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 Reduction of voting age

- (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2) is amended as follows—
- (a) in section 1(1)(d) (definition of voting age for parliamentary elections), for “18” substitute “16”; and
 - (b) in section 2(1)(d) (definition of voting age for local government elections), for “18” substitute “16”. 5
- (2) In the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), in section 1(5) (entitlement to vote of overseas electors), for “18” substitute “16”.

2 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Voting Age (Comprehensive Reduction) Act 2013. 10
- (2) Section 1 of this Act shall come into force on 1st January 2014.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Voting Age (Comprehensive Reduction) Bill [HL]

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