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BILL

[AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE]

TO

Make provision empowering the House of Lords to expel or suspend members.

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  Expulsion and suspension of members of the House of Lords

(1) Standing Orders of the House of Lords may make provision under which the House of Lords may by resolution—

(a) expel a member of the House of Lords, or

(b) suspend a member of the House of Lords for the period specified in the resolution.

(2) A person expelled by virtue of this section ceases to be a member.

(3) A person suspended by virtue of this section remains a member during the period of suspension, but during that period the person—

(a) is not entitled to receive writs of summons to attend the House of Lords, and

(b) despite any writ of summons previously issued to the person, is disqualified from sitting or voting in the House of Lords or a committee of the House of Lords.

(4) Standing Orders under subsection (1) may only make provision in respect of conduct by a member which takes place after the coming into force of this Act.

2  Effect of ceasing to be a member

Section 4(2) to (8) of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 (effect of ceasing to be a member) applies where a person is expelled in accordance with section 1 of this Act.
3 Short title, commencement and extent

(1) This Act may be cited as the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2014.

(2) This Act shall come into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.

(3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
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