

# European Union Referendum Bill

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**After Clause 5**

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Report on the outcomes of negotiations between Her Majesty’s Government and the European Union**

Not less than four months before the date of the referendum, the Secretary of State shall publish, and lay before each House of Parliament, a report setting out the outcomes of Her Majesty’s Government’s negotiations with the European Union, and any resulting changes in the relationship between the United Kingdom and the European Union.”

**After Clause 6**

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Fine in case of breach of section 125**

Section 125 of the 2000 Act (restriction on publication etc of promotional material by central and local government etc) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if there were inserted at the end—

- “(5) If the Electoral Commission is satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that a person has breached the restrictions imposed by this section, and by so doing has caused public money to be spent, that person shall be guilty of an offence.
- (6) The Commission may impose a monetary penalty on a person guilty of an offence under subsection (5), which must be not less than the amount of public money which has been so caused to be spent.””

**After Clause 6 – continued**

Insert the following new Clause –

**“Agreement on purdah between the Government and the European Union institutions**

The 2000 Act has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if there were inserted after section 125 –

**“125A Agreement between the Government and the European Union institutions**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall seek to conclude an agreement between the Government and the institutions of the European Union, to the effect that the institutions will voluntarily abide by the provisions of section 125 in relation to the referendum to be held under section 1 of the European Union Referendum Act 2015.
- (2) The Secretary of State shall lay before each House of Parliament a copy of any agreement concluded under subsection (1).”

**Schedule 1**

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

Page 17, line 1, leave out sub-paragraph (2) and insert –

“(2) Paragraph 1 of that Schedule (limits in relation to referendums held throughout United Kingdom) has effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for sub-paragraphs (2) to (5) there were substituted –

- “(2) The Electoral Commission shall by order set a limit on the total permitted referendum expenses for those campaigning to remain a member of the European Union, and for those campaigning to leave the European Union.
- (3) The limit set under sub-paragraph (2) shall be the same for both campaigns.
- (4) For each campaign, the limit set under sub-paragraph (2) shall apply to the sum of –
  - (a) expenditure by the designated organisation for that campaign, and
  - (b) expenditure by any registered party in support of that campaign.
- (5) An order under sub-paragraph (2) may specify, within the overall limit, a sub-limit for the designated organisation for a campaign, and sub-limits for specified registered parties supporting that campaign.
- (6) An order under sub-paragraph (2) must be made by statutory instrument, which must not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”



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