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TO

Amend the House of Lords Act 1999 to remove the by-election system for the election of hereditary peers.

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 Removal of by-election system

- (1) The House of Lords Act 1999 is amended as follows.
- (2) At the end of section 1 (exclusion of hereditary peers), insert “except a person who was a member of the House of Lords on the day before the House of Lords Act 1999 (Amendment) Act 2016 was passed”. 5
- (3) Omit section 2 (exception from section 1).
- (4) In section 3(2) (removal of disqualifications in relation to the House of Commons), for “excepted from section 1 by virtue of section 2” substitute “who is a member of the House of Lords by virtue of section 1”.
- (5) In section 5(2) (commencement and transitional provision), for “who,” to the end substitute “was a member of the House of Lords on the day before the House of Lords Act 1999 (Amendment) Act 2016 was passed”. 10
- (6) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1, for ““is excepted from section 1 of the House of Lords Act 1999 by virtue of section 2 of the of that Act”” substitute ““is a member of the House of Lords by virtue of section 1 of the House of Lords Act 1999””. 15

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) Section 1 comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed. 20
- (3) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

- (4) This Act may be cited as the House of Lords Act 1999 (Amendment) Act 2016.

House of Lords Act 1999 (Amendment) Bill [HL]

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