

Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill [HL]

AMENDMENTS
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Clause 1

LORD FARMER

Page 2, line 9, at end insert—

- “() For the purposes of subsection (5), “the start of the proceedings” means—
- (a) in the case of an application that is to proceed as an application by both parties to the marriage, the date on which both parties apply for a divorce order, or
 - (b) in the case of an application that is to proceed as an application by one party to the marriage only, the date when the notice of an application for a divorce order has been served to the other party to the marriage.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to address that, if the 20-week period begins as soon as the application is made, the respondent may have less than 20 weeks by the time they have been served notice.

Clause 4

LORD FARMER

Page 4, line 9, at end insert—

- “() For the purposes of subsection (2), “the start of the proceedings” means—
- (a) in the case of an application that is to proceed as an application by both civil partners, the date on which those persons apply for an order under section 44(1), or
 - (b) in the case of an application that is to proceed as an application by one civil partner only, the date when the notice of an application for a dissolution order has been served to the other civil partner.”

Member’s explanatory statement

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