

Parliamentary Constituencies Bill

MARSHALLED
LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

The amendments have been marshalled in accordance with the Instruction of 2nd September 2020, as follows –

Clauses 1 to 13 The Schedule	Clause 14 Title
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[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

**Amendment
No.**

Clause 1

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD LENNIE
LORD GROCOTT

1 Page 1, line 5, leave out subsection (2)

LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK

2 Page 1, line 12, leave out “2031” and insert “2033”

3 Page 1, line 13, leave out “eighth” and insert “tenth”

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD LENNIE

4 Page 1, line 14, leave out subsection (4)

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD LENNIE
LORD GROCOTT

5 Page 2, line 16, leave out subsection (7)

Clause 2

LORD CORMACK

6 Page 2, line 20, leave out “As soon as reasonably practicable” and insert “No later than six weeks”

Clause 2 - continued

LORD YOUNG OF COOKHAM
 LORD CAMPBELL OF PITTENWEEM
 LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE
 LORD BLENCATHRA

7 Page 2, line 20, after “practicable” insert “but no later than 3 months”

LORD CORMACK

8 Page 2, line 37, leave out subsection (3)

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
 LORD LENNIE
 LORD GROCOTT

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

Clause 3

LORD YOUNG OF COOKHAM
 LORD CAMPBELL OF PITTENWEEM
 LORD RANDALL OF UXBRIDGE
 LORD BLENCATHRA

9 Page 3, line 18, after “practicable” insert “but no later than 3 months”

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
 LORD LENNIE

The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill.

After Clause 4

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
 LORD LENNIE
 LORD TYLER
 LORD RENNARD

10 Insert the following new Clause –

“Impact on constituency boundaries: reduction of voting age

Within the period of 12 months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed, the Boundary Commission must review the impact on constituency boundaries of extending the entitlement to vote at a parliamentary election to those aged 16 or 17 years.”

After Clause 4 - continued

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD LENNIE
LORD TYLER
LORD GROCOTT

11 Insert the following new Clause—

“Impact on constituency boundaries: automatic registration

Within the period of 18 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed, the Boundary Commission must review and report on the impact on constituency boundaries of the introduction of automatic voter registration, including for attainers.”

LORD THOMAS OF CWMGIEDD

12 Insert the following new Clause—

“The Boundary Commissions: constitution

- (1) Schedule 1 to the 1986 Act (the Boundary Commissions) is amended as follows.
- (2) At the end of paragraph 2 insert “in accordance with paragraph 3A below”.
- (3) In paragraph 3(a), for “Lord Chancellor” substitute “Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales”.
- (4) In paragraph 3(c), for “Lord Chancellor” substitute “Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales”.
- (5) After paragraph 3 insert—
 - “3A The two members of each Commission appointed by the Secretary of State shall each be appointed in accordance with the following process—
 - (a) a selection panel shall be convened by the Secretary of State to select the members of the Commission, which shall comprise—
 - (i) the deputy chairman of the Commission, and
 - (ii) two persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Commons;
 - (b) the selection panel shall determine the selection process to be applied and apply that process;
 - (c) the selection panel shall select only one person for recommendation for each appointment as a member of the Commission;
 - (d) the selection panel shall submit to the Secretary of State a report stating who has been selected and any other information required by the Secretary of State;
 - (e) the Secretary of State shall on receipt of the report do one of the following—
 - (i) accept the selection,
 - (ii) reject the selection, or
 - (iii) require the panel to reconsider the selection;

After Clause 4 - continued

- (f) the power of the Secretary of State to require the selection panel to reconsider a selection is exercisable only on the ground that, in the Secretary of State's opinion, there is not enough evidence that the person selected is suitable for appointment as a member of the Commission;
 - (g) the power of the Secretary of State to reject a selection is exercisable only on the ground that, in the Secretary of State's opinion, the person selected is not suitable for appointment as a member of the Commission;
 - (h) the Secretary of State shall give the selection panel reasons in writing for requiring the reconsideration of, or rejecting, any selection."
- (6) In paragraph 4, at end insert “, but the term for which each member (other than the chairman) is appointed shall be a non-renewable term.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the appointment of members of the Boundary Commissions is made and is seen to be made independently and without the influence or appearance of influence of the Executive, to remove the possibility of political interference in the process of setting the boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies.

Clause 5

LORD NORTON OF LOUTH
LORD HAYWARD
LORD CORMACK

13 Page 4, line 31, leave out “650” and insert “800”

LORD HAIN
LORD WIGLEY
LORD GROCOTT

14 Page 4, line 31, at end insert –

“(2) Rule 3 of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (allocation of constituencies to parts of the United Kingdom) is amended in accordance with subsections (3) and (4).

(3) After rule 3(1) insert –

“(1A) The number of constituencies in Wales shall not be less than 35.”

(4) In rule 3(2), at the beginning insert “Subject to rule 3(1A),”.

After Clause 5

LORD LENNIE
BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD GROCOTT

15 Insert the following new Clause –

“Electorate per constituency

- (1) Rule 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (electorate per constituency) is amended as follows.

After Clause 5 - continued

- (2) In paragraph (a), for “95%” substitute “92.5%”.
- (3) In paragraph (b), for “105%” substitute “107.5%”.

LORD TYLER
LORD RENNARD

16 Insert the following new Clause—

“Electorate per constituency

- (1) In rule 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (electorate per constituency)—
 - (a) in paragraph (a), for “95%” substitute “92%”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (b), for “105%” substitute “108%”.
- (2) After rule 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act, insert—
 - “(1A) The electorate of a constituency may exceed the limits specified in rule 2(1) if the Boundary Commission considers it necessary when taking into account the factors under rule 5(1), in which case the electorate of any constituency shall be—
 - (a) no less than 90% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
 - (b) no more than 110% of that quota.”

LORD LIPSEY
LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK
LORD GROCOTT

17 Insert the following new Clause—

“Electorate per constituency

- (1) Rule 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (electorate per constituency) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (a), for “95%” substitute “90%”.
- (3) In paragraph (b), for “105%” substitute “110%”.

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to give the Boundary Commission more flexibility to accommodate important local factors such as council boundaries when drawing up its constituency proposals.

LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK
LORD GROCOTT

18 Insert the following new Clause—

“Taking account of local ties

- (1) Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In rule 2(2) (electorate per constituency), after “4(2),” insert “5(1)(d),”.
- (3) In rule 5(3) (factors), at the end insert “, except that a constituency does not have to comply with rule 2 if the Boundary Commission considers it reasonable taking into account the factor in paragraph (1)(d).”

After Clause 5 - continued

LORD FORSYTH OF DRUMLEAN

19★ Insert the following new Clause—

“Electorate per constituency

- (1) Rule 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (electorate per constituency) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (a), for “95%” substitute “97.5%”.
- (3) In paragraph (b), for “105%” substitute “102.5%”.

Clause 6

LORD TYLER

20★ Page 5, line 2, at end insert—

“() After rule 5(2) insert—

“(2A) Each constituency in any part of Devon and Cornwall shall be wholly in the unitary authority area of either Devon County Council or Cornwall Council, not both.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure constituencies in Devon and Cornwall remain separate.

Clause 7

LORD LIPSEY

21 Page 5, line 22, at end insert—

“(d) a constituency named Brecon and Radnorshire with identical boundaries to those of the existing Brecon and Radnorshire constituency”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment creates an additional protected constituency to make this seat geographically manageable.

After Clause 7

LORD HAIN

LORD WIGLEY

LORD CORMACK

BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

22 Insert the following new Clause—

“Electorate per constituency: Wales

- (1) Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In rule 2(2) (electorate per constituency), for “and 7” substitute “, 7 and 7A”.
- (3) After rule 7 insert the following new rule—

“Wales

After Clause 7 - continued

- 7A In relation to Wales, the electorate of any constituency shall be—
- (a) no less than 85% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
 - (b) no more than 115% of that quota.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause would alter the 5% constituency quota variation to 15% for Wales because of its demography.

LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK

23 Insert the following new Clause—

“Number of constituencies and electorate per constituency: Scotland

- (1) Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In rule 2(2) (electorate per constituency), for “and 7” substitute “, 7 and 7A”.
- (3) In rule 3(2) (allocation of constituencies to parts of the United Kingdom), at the end insert “except in relation to Scotland where the number of constituencies shall be determined by rule 7A”.
- (4) After rule 7 insert the following new rule—

“Scotland

- 7A (1) In relation to Scotland, there shall be 59 constituencies in accordance with the following provisions.
- (2) The Boundary Commission must ensure that the electorate of each constituency is approximately equal to others, taking into account the factors in rule 5 and the boundaries of constituencies for the Scottish Parliament and subject to rule 6(2).”
- (5) In rule 8(5) (the allocation method), omit paragraph (b).”

Clause 8

LORD SHUTT OF GREETLAND
LORD CAMPBELL-SAVOURS
LORD JANVRIN
LORD WILLS

24★ Page 6, line 3, at end insert—

- “() Within a year of this Act coming into force, the Secretary of State must lay before Parliament proposals to improve the accuracy and completeness of registers for the purposes of reports of the Boundary Commissions from 1 July 2023.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to implement one of the recommendations of the House of Lords Select Committee on the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 “An Electoral system fit for today? More to be done” (HL Paper 83).

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