

# Parliamentary Constituencies Bill

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REVISED  
SECOND  
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.**

**After Clause 4**

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;

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- (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;
  - (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  
LORD ROWE-BEDDOE

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.”

**Clause 5 - continued**

- (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.
- (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).”

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  
LORD BOURNE OF ABERYSTWYTH  
LORD TEVERSON  
BARONESS JOLLY

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*

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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