

Parliamentary Constituencies Bill

THIRD
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 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 –

After Clause 5 - continued

- “(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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