

Parliamentary Constituencies Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
ON REPORT

Clause 2

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

Page 2, line 20, leave out “As soon as reasonably practicable”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment and the amendments at page 2, line 26 and line 38 ensure that a draft Order in Council implementing the reports of the Boundary Commissions must be submitted to Her Majesty in Council no later than four months after they have all been laid before Parliament unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Page 2, line 26, at end insert –

- “(1A) The draft of an Order in Council must be submitted under subsection (1) –
- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after all four reports have been laid before Parliament as mentioned in that subsection, and
 - (b) in any case, no later than the end of the four month period unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- (1B) “The four month period” means the period of four months beginning with the first date on which all four reports have been laid before Parliament as mentioned in subsection (1).
- (1C) If the draft of an Order in Council is not submitted under subsection (1) before the end of the four month period, the Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office must lay one or more statements before Parliament in accordance with subsection (1D) specifying the exceptional circumstances.
- (1D) A statement must be laid –
- (a) before the end of the period of 10 sitting days beginning with the first sitting day after the end of the four month period, and

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- (b) before the end of each subsequent period of 20 sitting days beginning with the first sitting day after the previous statement was so laid, until the draft of an Order in Council is submitted under subsection (1).”

Member’s explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to the amendment at page 2, line 20.

Page 2, line 38, at end insert –

“(4) After subsection (7) insert –

“(7A) In this section, “sitting day” means a day on which both Houses of Parliament sit; and for that purpose a day is only a day on which a House sits if the House begins to sit on that day.””

Member’s explanatory statement

See the explanatory statement to the amendment at page 2, line 20.

After Clause 5

LORD TYLER

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 “92.5%”; and
 (b) in paragraph (b), for “105%” substitute “107.5%”.

(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.””

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