

Parliamentary Constituencies Bill

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

Tabled up to and including

2 October 2020

[Sheets HL Bill 126(a) to (f)]

Clause 1

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD GROCOTT

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

LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK
BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN

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

LORD FOULKES OF CUMNOCK
BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN
LORD RENNARD

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

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN

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

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

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
 - (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.

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN

Leave out Clause 2

Clause 3

BARONESS HAYTER OF KENTISH TOWN

Leave out Clause 3

After Clause 4

LORD THOMAS OF CWMGIEDD

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;
 - (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.

After Clause 5

LORD LENNIE
BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

Insert the following new Clause –

“Electorate per constituency

In rule 2(1)(a) of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (electorate per constituency), for “95%” substitute “92.5%”.

LORD LENNIE
LORD GROCOTT

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

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.””

Clause 6

LORD TYLER
LORD BOURNE OF ABERYSTWYTH
LORD TEVERSON

Page 5, line 2, at end insert –

“() After rule 5(2) insert –

Clause 6 - continued

“(2A) Each constituency in any part of Cornwall must be wholly in the unitary authority area of Cornwall Council, and no other authority area, except for the Isles of Scilly.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure constituencies in Cornwall remain within the unitary authority area of Cornwall, with the exception of the Isles of Scilly.

Clause 7

LORD LIPSEY

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 7LORD HAIN
LORD WIGLEY

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 WIGLEY
BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

Insert the following new Clause –

“Montgomery and Brecon and Radnor constituencies

- (1) There shall be two constituencies within the county of Powys, one of which shall be named “Maldwyn/Montgomery”, and the other “Brycheiniog a Maesyfed/Brecon and Radnor”.

After Clause 7 - continued

- (2) The two seats specified in subsection (1) may, between them, cover the entirety of the county of Powys, as defined at the date of the coming into force of this Act.
- (3) In any future review of parliamentary constituencies in Wales, the principle established in subsection (1) shall be respected, but the boundary between the two constituencies within Powys may be adjusted as deemed necessary by a Welsh Boundaries Commission.”