

United Kingdom Parliamentary Sovereignty Bill

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Reaffirm the sovereignty of the United Kingdom Parliament; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Sovereignty of Parliament

The sovereignty of the United Kingdom Parliament is hereby reaffirmed.

2 Treaties

No Minister of the Crown shall sign, ratify or implement any treaty or law, whether by virtue of the prerogative powers of the Crown or under any statutory authority, which— 5

- (a) is inconsistent with this Act; or
- (b) increases the functions of the European Union affecting the United Kingdom without requiring it to be approved in a referendum of the electorate in the United Kingdom. 10

3 Judicial notice

This Act shall have effect and shall be construed as having effect and deemed at all times to have had effect by the courts of the United Kingdom notwithstanding—

- (a) the European Communities Act 1972; 15
- (b) any exercise of, or rule of prerogative, or rule of international law; and
- (c) any Act of Parliament, whenever enacted, unless in that Act it is expressly stated that, subject to a referendum under section 4, it is to have effect without regard to the United Kingdom Parliamentary Sovereignty Act 2010. 20

4 Royal Assent

Her Majesty the Queen shall not signify her Royal Assent to any Bill which contravenes this Act or to any future Bill amending this Act or which purports so to do except and until the Bill, having been approved by both Houses of Parliament, has also been approved in a referendum of the electorate in the United Kingdom pursuant to an Act of the United Kingdom Parliament.

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5 Short title

This Act may be cited as the United Kingdom Parliamentary Sovereignty Act 2010.

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