



SUPPLEMENT TO THE VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 27 June 2012

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE
PROCEEDINGS

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION BILL

[THIRD DAY]

Mr Wayne David
Angela Smith

Not called 26

Clause 10, page 7, line 34, at end insert ‘, with the exception of an order made under section 6(2)’.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 11 and 12 agreed to.

Wayne David
Angela Smith

Withdrawn 39

Schedule 4, page 21, line 23, leave out sub-paragraph (2).

Mr Mark Williams

Negated on division 35

Schedule 4, page 21, line 23, leave out ‘, so far as is reasonably practicable,’.

Wayne David
Angela Smith

Not called 37

Schedule 4, page 21, line 26, at end insert—

‘(4) In subsection (2), after paragraph (e), insert—

“(f) reporting to the police any suspicion he might have that an offence had been committed relevant to the integrity of registration and absent vote applications.”.’.

Wayne David
Angela Smith

Not called 40

Schedule 4, page 21, line 26, at end insert—

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‘(4) At the end of subsection (3) insert—

“(4) If the Electoral Commission judges that registration officers have not taken all necessary steps as outlined in this section, the Electoral Commission shall have the power to intervene.”.’.

Schedule agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 agreed to.

Wayne David
Angela Smith

Withdrawn 38

Clause 15, page 9, line 12, at end insert—

‘(1A) In section 13(4), at end add “provided that the registration officer shall not make any such changes if an election specified in section 13B(4) is scheduled to take place within 30 days of publication of the revised version of the register.”.’.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 16 to 21 agreed to.

REMAINING NEW CLAUSES

Personation

John Hemming

Withdrawn NC1

To move the following Clause:—

‘In section 60 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (Personation) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) The Secretary of State shall introduce regulations by statutory instrument to facilitate actions by electoral registration officers, their agents and others, including candidates and their agents in elections, to—

- (a) prevent, and
- (b) detect personation.”.’.

Other voting offences

John Hemming

Not called NC2

To move the following Clause:—

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‘In section 61 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (Other voting offences) after subsection (6) insert—

- “(6AA) The Secretary of State shall introduce regulations by statutory instruments to facilitate actions by electoral registration officers, their agents and others, including candidates and their agents in elections, to—
- (a) prevent, and
 - (b) detect the offences listed in subsections (1) to (6).”.

Representation of the People Act 1985 (Amendment)

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown
 Tony Baldry
 Mr Gary Streeter
 Mr Robert Buckland
 Mr Robert Walter
 Mr Greg Knight

Withdrawn **NC3**

To move the following Clause:—

- ‘(1) The Representation of the People Act 1985 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1 (Extension of parliamentary franchise) omit subsections (3)(c) and (4)(a).
- (3) In section 3 (Extension of franchise for European Parliamentary elections) omit subsections (3)(c) and (4)(a).’.

Voting procedure

Mrs Eleanor Laing
 Meg Munn
 Mr David Blunkett
 Bob Blackman
 Mr Clive Betts
 Meg Hillier

Wayne David

Angela Smith

Mr John Leech
Negated on division **NC4**

To move the following Clause:—

- ‘(1) Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2) (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In rule 37 (voting procedure) after paragraph (6) insert—
- “(7) A voter who is in the polling station or in a queue outside the polling station for the purpose of voting at the time specified for the close of the poll shall be entitled to apply for a ballot paper under paragraph 1 above

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and a ballot paper shall be delivered and the voter entitled to vote in accordance with this rule.”’.

Explicit right of British citizens to register to vote and to participate in elections

Mr Richard Shepherd
Mr Philip Hollobone
James Wharton
Karl McCartney
Mr Stewart Jackson

Not called NC5

To move the following Clause:—

- ‘(1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows—
- (2) Insert “a British citizen,”
- (a) in section 1 (parliamentary electors), in subsection (1)(c), after “either”,
 - (b) in section 2 (local government electors), in subsection (1)(C), after “is”,
 - (c) in section 4 (entitlement to be registered as parliamentary or local government elector), in subsection (1)(c), after “either”,
 - (d) in section 4, subsection (3)(c), after “is”, and
 - (e) in section 7B, subsection (3)(e), after “is”, in the first place it occurs.’.

Ring-fencing of funds provided to local authorities for use by electoral registration officers

Mr Mark Williams

Not called NC6

★ To move the following Clause:—

‘Funds provided to local authorities for use by electoral registration officers in respect of their obligations under Part 1 of this Act shall be used only for the fulfilment of those obligations and for their compliance with the duties set out in section 9A of the 1983 Act, as amended by Schedule 4 to this Act, and not for any other purpose.’.

Clause 22 agreed to.

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Angela Smith*Not called* 41

Clause 23, page 14, line 6, leave out from ‘means’ to end of line 11 and insert ‘the Secretary of State’.

*Clause agreed to.**Clause 24 agreed to.*Mr Wayne David
Angela Smith*Not called* 30

Clause 25, page 14, line 17, at end insert—

- ‘(1A) Before making an order under subsection 1, the Secretary of State must seek the views of the Electoral Commission as to whether the establishment of an electoral register made up solely of electors who have registered individually would help or hinder the achievement of the registration objectives.
- (1B) For these purposes the registration objectives are to secure, so far as is reasonably practicable—
- (a) that persons who are entitled to be registered in a register are registered in it,
 - (b) that persons who are not entitled to be registered in a register are not registered in it, and
 - (c) that none of the information relating to a registered person that appears in a register or other record kept by a registration officer is false.
- (1C) The Commission must submit its assessment, with a recommendation, in a report to the Secretary of State, which must be laid before Parliament as soon as possible by the Secretary of State.
- (1D) If—
- (a) the recommendation in the Electoral Commission’s report is that the establishment of an electoral register made up solely of electors who have registered individually would help the achievement of the registration objectives, and
 - (b) the recommendation is approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament,
- the Secretary of State may make an order bringing Parts 1 and 2 of this Act into force.
- (1E) The Secretary of State may not make such an order if those conditions are not met.
- (1F) If—
- (a) the Electoral Commission’s report does not contain a recommendation to proceed to establish an electoral register made up solely of electors who have registered individually, or
 - (b) the report does contain such a recommendation, but it is not approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament,
- within 12 months after the day on which the report is submitted by the Electoral Commission (in the case mentioned in paragraph (a)) or disapproved in Parliament (in the case mentioned in paragraph (b)), the Secretary of State must require the Commission to submit, by a specified date, a further report under this section containing the terms mentioned in subsection (1A).

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- (1G) For the purposes of subsection (1F)—
- (a) a report is disapproved in Parliament when either House decided against resolving to approve the report (or, if both Houses so decide on different days, when the first of them so decides);
 - (b) the date specified by the Secretary of State must be at least one year, but no more than two years, after the day on which the requirement under that subsection is imposed.’.

Mr Wayne David
Angela Smith

Negatived on division 31

Clause 25, page 14, line 17, at end insert ‘with the exception of Schedule 5, Part 2, which shall come into force by order only once—

- (a) the data matching pilots for pre-verification purposes established by the Electoral Registration Data Schemes Order 2012 have been completed,
- (b) the Electoral Commission has reported on these schemes as under the terms of that Order, and
- (c) the Electoral Commission believes that the completeness of the register will not be negatively affected.’.

Wayne David
Angela Smith

Not called 43

Clause 25, page 14, line 17, at end insert—

- ‘(1A) Parts 1 and 2 of this Act may not come into force until a timetable for the provisions of orders made by Statutory Instrument is published.’.

Wayne David
Angela Smith

Not called 42

Clause 25, page 14, line 20, leave out from ‘purposes’ to end of the line.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 26 agreed to.

Bill read the third time on division and passed.
