

# Lisbon Treaty (Referendum) Bill

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Require the holding of a referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon and to require the repeal of the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 if the decision to ratify is not approved in the referendum; and for connected purposes.

**B**E 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 Holding of a referendum on the Treaty of Lisbon**

- (1) A referendum shall be held throughout the United Kingdom and Gibraltar on the day specified by an order made by a Minister of the Crown.
- (2) The question to be asked in the referendum is —  
“Do you agree with the Government’s decision to ratify the Lisbon Treaty?”. 5
- (3) A Minister of the Crown may by order make provision in relation to the referendum which —
  - (a) determines the referendum period for the purposes of Part 7 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000; 10
  - (b) requires ballot papers to be used by voters in Wales, after having set out the question and the possible answers in English, to set them out again, with equal prominence, in Welsh;
  - (c) makes provision in relation to the conduct of the referendum, entitlement to vote in the referendum and legal challenge to the referendum result. 15

**2 Repeal of the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008**

- (1) If the decision to ratify the Lisbon Treaty is not approved in a majority of the votes cast in the referendum the Secretary of State must —
  - (a) report to Parliament within 6 months of the referendum taking place on how the Government intends to renegotiate the terms of the United Kingdom’s relationship with the European Union so that the terms are the same as those in place before the Lisbon Treaty was ratified; 20

(b) set out a timetable for the repeal of the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008, taking into account the steps being taken in paragraph (a).

(2) The Secretary of State may by order make any provisions necessary to give effect to subsection (1).

### **3 Orders and regulations**

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(1) Every power of a Minister of the Crown to make an order under this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

(2) An order under this Act may be made only if a draft of the order has been—

(a) laid before Parliament; and

(b) approved by a resolution of each House.

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### **4 Expenses**

*There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament—*

(a) *any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of this Act, and*

(b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.*

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### **5 Short title and extent**

(1) This Act may be cited as the Lisbon Treaty (Referendum) Act 2010.

(2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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