

# Northern Ireland (Ministers, Elections and Petitions of Concern) Bill

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TO BE MOVED  
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

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**After Clause 3**

LORD ALDERDICE

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Disqualification of MPs and Members of the Dáil Éireann for membership of the Northern Ireland Assembly**

- (1) In section 1A of the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (members of the House of Commons) —
  - (a) in subsection (1), for “the period of 8 days beginning with the day the person is so returned” substitute “the period beginning with the day on which the person is so returned and ending with the day on which Parliament is next dissolved”, and
  - (b) for subsections (2) to (4) substitute —
    - “(2) Where a person is returned as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly and is subsequently returned as a member of the House of Commons, the person is not disqualified under section 1(1)(za) at any time in the period beginning with the day on which the person is so returned and ending with the day on which Parliament is next dissolved.”
- (2) In section 1B of the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (members of the Dáil Éireann) —
  - (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1),
  - (b) in that subsection, for “at any time in the period of 8 days beginning with the day the person is so returned” substitute “before Dáil Éireann is next dissolved”, and
  - (c) after that subsection insert —
    - “(2) Where a person is returned as a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly and is subsequently returned as a member of the Dáil Éireann, the person is not disqualified under section 1(1)(db) at any time in the period beginning with the day on which the person is so returned and ending with the day on which the Dáil is next dissolved.””

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