

Nationality and Borders Bill

AMENDMENTS

TO BE MOVED

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

After Clause 6

BARONESS LISTER OF BURTERSETT
THE LORD BISHOP OF DURHAM
LORD ALTON OF LIVERPOOL

Insert the following new Clause—

“Registration as a British citizen or British overseas territories citizen: fees

- (1) No person may be charged a fee to be registered as a British citizen or British overseas territories citizen that is higher than the cost to the Secretary of State of exercising the function of registration.
- (2) No child may be charged a fee to be registered as a British citizen or British overseas territories citizen if that child is being looked after by a local authority.
- (3) No child may be charged a fee to be registered as a British citizen or British overseas territories citizen that the child or the child’s parent, guardian or carer is unable to afford.
- (4) The Secretary of State must take steps to raise awareness of rights under the British Nationality Act 1981 to be registered as a British citizen or British overseas territories citizen among people possessing those rights.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This new Clause would ensure rights to citizenship by registration are no longer subject to fees that exceed administrative costs; ensure children are not excluded from their citizenship rights by the size of the fee; and require the Secretary of State to take action to raise awareness of these rights.

After Clause 9

LORD ANDERSON OF IPSWICH

Insert the following new Clause—

“Duration between Secretary of State’s reviews of deprivation power

- (1) Section 40B of the British Nationality Act 1981 (review of power under section 40(4A)) is amended as follows.

After Clause 9 - continued

- (2) In subsection 1(b), omit “three” and insert “one”.
- (3) In subsection (2), omit “in the circumstances set out in section 40(4A)”.
- (4) In subsection (8), omit ““subsequent three year period” means a period of three years beginning with the first day after the most recent of –
 - (a) the initial one year period, or
 - (b) the most recent subsequent three year period.””

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would replace the current triennial review of citizenship deprivation resulting in statelessness with an annual review of all deprivations of citizenship on “conducive to the public good” grounds.

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