

# Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Bill

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LIST OF AMENDMENTS  
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[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Amendment  
No.

**Clause 2**

LORD NORTON OF LOUTH

1 Page 1, line 6, after “Her Majesty’s” insert “personal”

LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

2 Page 1, line 9, at end insert “subject to subsection (1A).

(1A) The Prime Minister may not request Her Majesty to exercise Her prerogative to dissolve Parliament if Parliament has been prorogued, unless Parliament is first recalled and the House of Commons agrees that the Prime Minister should request Her Majesty to exercise Her prerogative to dissolve Parliament.”

LORD JUDGE  
BARONESS SMITH OF BASILDON  
LORD NEWBY  
LORD LANSLEY

3 Page 1, line 9, at end insert —

“(1A) The powers referred to in subsection (1) must not be exercised unless the House of Commons passes a motion in the form set out in subsection (1B).

(1B) The form of motion for the purposes of subsection (1A) is “that this present Parliament will be dissolved.””

**Clause 3**

LORD NORTON OF LOUTH  
LORD HOPE OF CRAIGHEAD  
BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING  
LORD ROOKER

4 Page 1, line 17, leave out “or purported exercise”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment ensures that the ouster provision in clause 3 will not apply to the purported exercise of the powers to dissolve Parliament contained in clause 2.*

5 Page 1, line 19, leave out “or purported decision”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is a consequential amendment following on from the previous amendment in the name of Lord Norton.*

6 Page 1, line 20, leave out paragraph (c)

LORD BUTLER OF BROCKWELL  
LORD HOPE OF CRAIGHEAD  
LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

*The above-named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 4**

LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

7 Page 2, line 2, leave out “If it has not been dissolved earlier,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is a probing amendment aimed at debating the expectation of how long a Parliament should be in normal circumstances.*

LORD ROOKER

8 Page 2, line 3, leave out “fifth” and insert “fourth”

LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

9 Page 2, line 3, at end insert “, except that, when the first meeting of a Parliament took place between the first of November and the following first of March, that Parliament dissolves on the first of June during its fifth year.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This is a probing amendment intended to discuss the regularity of dissolution.*

**Clause 6**

LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

10 Page 2, line 13, leave out subsection (3) and insert –

- “(3) This Act comes into force when a revised Dissolution Principles document has been laid before Parliament and –
- (a) the revised Dissolution Principles document has been approved by a resolution of the House of Commons; and
  - (b) the House of Lords has debated a motion to take note of the revised Dissolution Principles document.

**Clause 6 - continued**

(3A) The Dissolution Principles document under subsection (3) must be revised to refer to a “request” from the Prime Minister to the Sovereign to dissolve Parliament.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to implement a recommendation from the Joint Committee on the Fixed-term Parliaments Act to revise the Dissolution Principles document.*

**11** Page 2, line 13, leave out subsection (3) and insert—

“(3) This Act comes into force when a Cabinet Manual revised in relation to the dissolution and calling of Parliament has been laid before Parliament.

(3A) Prior to revising the Cabinet Manual the Minister must consult the relevant select committees in the House of Commons and the House of Lords.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*The current Cabinet Manual references the Fixed-term Parliaments Act and has not been revised for 10 years. As a consequence of the repeal of that Act under this Bill, the Cabinet Manual should be revised in relation to the dissolution and calling of Parliament.*

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