

Elections Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]

After Clause 27

LORD KERSLAKE

Insert the following new Clause—

“Reporting controlled expenditure by third parties

Before section 94 of PPERA insert—

“Reporting controlled expenditure by third parties

- (1) The treasurer of a registered party must, in respect of each year, prepare a report on controlled expenditure by third parties.
- (2) Each report must contain information on the amount of controlled expenditure incurred by each third party on behalf of the party.”

After Clause 11

BARONESS GREENGROSS

Insert the following new Clause—

“Simple majority system: referendums

- (1) The Secretary of State may exercise the power in section 64(1) so as to bring section 11 into force in relation to elections for Mayor of London only if—
 - (a) a referendum has been held, and
 - (b) the majority of votes cast are in favour of using a simple majority system for elections for Mayor of London.
- (2) The persons entitled to vote in a referendum under subsection (1) are those who on the day of the referendum would be entitled, and registered, to vote as electors at an election for Mayor of London.
- (3) The Secretary of State may exercise the power in section 64(1) so as to bring section 11 into force in relation to elections for mayors of a combined authority area only if—
 - (a) a referendum has been held, and

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- (b) the majority of votes cast are in favour of using a simple majority system for such elections in that area.
- (4) The persons entitled to vote in a referendum under subsection (3) are those who on the day of the referendum would be entitled, and registered, to vote as electors at an election for the mayor of the combined authority area.
- (5) The Secretary of State may exercise the power in section 64(1) so as to bring section 11 into force in relation to elections for police and crime commissioners in relation to a police area only if—
- (a) a referendum has been held, and
 - (b) the majority of votes cast are in favour of using a simple majority system for such elections in that area.
- (6) The persons entitled to vote in a referendum under subsection (5) are those who on the day of the referendum would be entitled, and registered, to vote as electors for police and crime commissioners in the police area.
- (7) A referendum under this section may not be held unless the Secretary of State by regulations has made provision about the conduct of the referendum, including the form and content of ballot papers, and the question to be asked.
- (8) In making regulations under subsection (7) the Secretary of State must take account of the advice of the Electoral Commission.
- (9) Regulations under subsection (7) are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (10) A statutory instrument containing such regulations may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (11) The Secretary of State may not exercise the power in section 64(1) so as to bring section 11 into force for different purposes or areas except in accordance with this section.”

After Clause 45

LORD CLEMENT-JONES

Insert the following new Clause—

“Information on electronic material expenditure

- (1) Candidates and campaigners must include in their returns of election expenses, as required under RPA 1983—
- (a) copies of invoices from suppliers that include details of the content of electronic material used in their campaign, targeting information (to whom they were sent), and how much was spent on each electronic communication, and
 - (b) details of the promoter of each electronic communication.
- (2) “Candidates” and “campaigners” have the meanings assigned by sections 30 and 32.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure greater transparency of campaign spending as it relates to electronic material.

Insert the following new Clause—

“Election-related electronic material

- (1) Foreign governments and non-United Kingdom resident individuals and entities incorporated outside the United Kingdom are prohibited from publishing, promoting, and where relevant paying for, electronic material to which section 40 or 42 applies.
- (2) Any government, corporate entity or individual in breach of subsection (1) above is guilty of an offence.”

Member’s explanatory statement

This Clause would explicitly exclude foreign actors from publishing election-related electronic material.

After Clause 59

LORD CLEMENT-JONES

Insert the following new Clause—

“Integrity of election process: offence

- (1) A person who is a campaigner or candidate in respect of a relevant election commits an offence if he or she makes false statements about the integrity of the election process.
- (2) In this section—
 - (a) “campaigner” has the same meaning as in section 32;
 - (b) “candidate” has the same meaning as in section 30;
 - (c) “relevant election” has the same meaning as in section 66 of RPA 1983 (as inserted by section 7 of this Act).”

Member’s explanatory statement

This clause would make false statements about the integrity of the elections process an offence.

Clause 64

LORD KERSLAKE

Page 65, line 29, at end insert—

- “(2A) Regulations under subsection (1) may not appoint a day for the commencement of section 12 unless the Electoral Commission has reported that the integrity and security of the arrangements for the extended franchise are secure.”

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