

Early Parliamentary General Election Bill

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Cabinet Office, have been ordered to be published as HL Bill 43 – EN.

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Baroness Evans of Bowes Park has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Early Parliamentary General Election Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.

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Make provision for a parliamentary general election to be held on 12 December 2019.

BE 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 Early parliamentary general election

- (1) An early parliamentary general election is to take place on 12 December 2019 in consequence of the passing of this Act.
- (2) That day is to be treated as a polling day appointed under section 2(7) of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011. 5
- (3) This early parliamentary general election is to be treated as taking place in accordance with section 2 of that Act for the purposes of—
 - (a) section 96A(9) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (benefit cap: review), and
 - (b) section 23(8) of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (duty on Secretary of State to publish reports on economic impact on business activities of regulatory provisions). 10
- (4) For the purposes of regulation 29(4) of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/497) (which sets out a period for objecting to applications for registration), regulation 8(3) of those Regulations applies as if 2 December 2019 were not a bank holiday. 15

2 Commencement and short title

- (1) This Act comes into force on the day it is passed.
- (2) This Act may be cited as the Early Parliamentary General Election Act 2019.

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