

# **Elections (Proportional Representation) Bill**

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Introduce a system of proportional representation for parliamentary elections and for local government elections in England; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the King'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 Proportional representation system for parliamentary general elections**

- (1) The simple majority system must not be used for any Parliamentary general election after the end of the period of six months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2) The Secretary of State must take all reasonable steps to establish a new proportional representation system of election for Members of the House of Commons that would be expected to result in seats being held by each party roughly reflecting the proportion of votes cast for candidates of that party at the preceding general election. 5
- (3) A system is suitable for the purposes of subsection (2) if it would over the past five Parliamentary general elections have had a mean average Gallagher proportionality index of less than 10. 10
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision (which may include provision amending any enactment) contingent on the prohibition in subsection (1). 15

## **2 Proportional representation for elections to local authorities in England**

- (1) The simple majority system must not be used for any local elections in England after the end of the period of six months beginning on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (2) The Secretary of State must take all reasonable steps to establish a new proportional representation system of election for councillors to English local authorities that would be expected to result in seats being held by each party roughly reflecting the proportion of votes cast for candidates of that party. 20

- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision (which may include provision amending any enactment) contingent on the prohibition in subsection (1).

### **3 Extent, commencement and short title**

- (1) Section 1 and this section extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 5
- (2) Section 2 extends to England and Wales.
- (3) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which it is passed.
- (4) This Act may be cited as the Elections (Proportional Representation) Act 2025. 10



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