

# House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill

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## RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS ON REPORT

*Tabled up to and including  
13 June 2025*

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*[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]*

### After Clause 1

LORD BLENCATHRA

After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause—

#### **“Legislating for changes to the composition of the House of Lords**

- (1) Where a resolution of the House of Lords establishes or changes—
  - (a) the age at which peers must retire,
  - (b) a minimum attendance requirement, or
  - (c) a participation requirement,a relevant Minister must, within 12 months, take the action set out in subsection (2).
- (2) Where a resolution is passed by the House of Lords in accordance with subsection (1) (a “relevant resolution”), the Secretary of State must, by regulations made by statutory instrument, amend the following Acts, as appropriate, in order to translate the relevant resolution into statute—
  - (a) this Act;
  - (b) the Life Peerages Act 1958;
  - (c) the House of Lords Reform Act 2014.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

#### ***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to establish changes regarding the composition of the House in law, while allowing the House flexibility to change them.*

LORD NEWBY  
LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE  
BARONESS SMITH OF LLANFAES

★ After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause –

**“Duty to take forward proposals for democratic mandate for House of Lords**

- (1) It is the duty of the Secretary of State to take forward proposals to secure a democratic mandate for the House of Lords.
- (2) In pursuance of the duty under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must carry out the steps set out in subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6).
- (3) Within 12 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a consultation paper on methods for introducing directly elected members in the House of Lords.
- (4) After laying the consultation paper under subsection (3), the Secretary of State must seek the views on the matters covered by that paper of –
  - (a) each party and group in the House of Lords,
  - (b) each political party represented in the House of Commons,
  - (c) the Scottish Government,
  - (d) the Welsh Government,
  - (e) the Northern Ireland Executive,
  - (f) local authorities in the United Kingdom,
  - (g) representative organisations for local authorities in the United Kingdom,
  - (h) the general public, which may include citizens’ assemblies, and
  - (j) such other persons and bodies as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) Within 16 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a report on responses to the consultation.
- (6) Within 18 months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must lay before each House of Parliament a draft Bill containing legislative proposals on the matter mentioned in subsection (3).”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new Clause imposes a duty on Ministers to take forward proposals to secure a democratic mandate for the House of Lords through introduction of directly elected members.*

LORD NEWBY  
LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

★ After Clause 1, insert the following new Clause –

**“Life peerages not to be conferred against recommendation of the House of Lords  
Appointments Commission**

- (1) The Life Peerages Act 1958 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 1 (power to confer life peerages), after subsection (1) insert –

“(1A) The power under subsection (1) may not be exercised in relation to a person if the House of Lords Appointments Commission has written to the Prime Minister to recommend that a peerage should not be conferred on that person.””

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This new Clause would prevent a life peerage being conferred on a person if the House of Lords Appointments Commission has recommended against the appointment.*

**Clause 5**

LORD NEWBY  
LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

★ Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Proposals for a Democratic Mandate”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on Lord Newby's new Clause after Clause 1 “Duty to take forward proposals for democratic mandate for House of Lords”.*

LORD NEWBY  
LORD WALLACE OF SALTAIRE

★ Clause 5, page 2, line 21, after “Peers” insert “and Appointments”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would change the short title of the Bill and is consequential on Lord Newby's new Clause after Clause 1 “Life peerages not to be conferred against recommendation of the House of Lords Appointments Commission.”*

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