



House of Lords Reform Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 24

2 Non-attendance

- (1) A member of the House of Lords who is a peer and does not attend the House of Lords during a Session ceases to be a member of the House at the beginning of the following Session.
- (2) A peer “does not attend the House of Lords during a Session” if, and only if, the Lord Speaker certifies that the peer—
 - (a) at no time during the Session attended the House, having regard to attendance records kept by officials of the House, and
 - (b) did not have leave of absence in respect of the Session, in accordance with Standing Orders of the House.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a peer in respect of attendance during a Session if—
 - (a) the peer was disqualified from sitting or voting in the House, or suspended from its service, for the whole of the Session, or
 - (b) the House resolves that subsection (1) should not apply to the peer by reason of special circumstances.
- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply in respect of attendance during a Session that is less than six months long.
- (5) In this section a reference to attendance is a reference to attending the proceedings of the House (including the proceedings of a Committee of the House).
- (6) This section applies in respect of attendance during the first Session to begin after its coming into force and subsequent Sessions.