

*These notes relate to the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation)  
Act 2020 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 1 April 2020*

# **SCOTTISH ELECTIONS (FRANCHISE AND REPRESENTATION) ACT 2020**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE STRUCTURE AND SUMMARY OF THE ACT**

#### **Part 3 - Prisoners Etc.**

##### ***Section 6 – Review of operation of section 5***

19. Section 6 places a duty on the Scottish Ministers to undertake a review of the operation of section 5 of the Act, with a view to considering whether the sentence threshold for prisoner voting expressed in section 3(1A) of the 1983 Act is appropriate. In carrying out the review, the Scottish Ministers must consult such persons as they consider appropriate. The Scottish Ministers must publish a report on that review and lay a copy before the Scottish Parliament no later than 4 May 2023.