

*These notes refer to the House of Lords Act 1999 (c.34)  
which received Royal Assent on Thursday 11 November 1999*

# **HOUSE OF LORDS ACT 1999**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

4. The Act's main purpose is to restrict membership of the House of Lords by virtue of a hereditary peerage. It also removes the existing disqualifications of a hereditary peer, unless he is excepted under section 2 of the Act from the general exclusion from the House of Lords, to vote in elections to the House of Commons and to stand as a candidate for, or be a member of, the House of Commons.