



Recess Elections Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 66

2 Restrictions on Speaker's powers

- (1) The Speaker shall cause notice of his receipt of a certificate of vacancy to be inserted in the London Gazette.
- (2) The Speaker shall not issue a warrant under section 1 above until six days after the insertion of the notice.
- (3) The Speaker shall not issue such a warrant unless he has received the certificate of vacancy so long before the date of the next meeting of the House of Commons for the despatch of business that the writ for the by-election may be issued before that date.
- (4) Except where a seat has become vacant because of a Member's bankruptcy, the Speaker shall not issue such a warrant—
 - (a) unless the return of the writ for the election of the Member whose seat has become vacant has been brought into the office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery fifteen days at least before the end of the last sitting of the House of Commons before the Speaker's receipt of the certificate of vacancy; or
 - (b) if a petition against the election of the Member whose seat has become vacant was pending when Parliament was prorogued or the House of Commons was adjourned.