

*These notes refer to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1999 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 14 January 1999*

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT 1999

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Schedule 4: Repeals and Revocations*

#### **The European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978**

51. The following provisions of this Act are repealed.
- Section 8(1) states that the provisions in the Act apply only to the election of MEPs in the United Kingdom. This is now clear from the amendments made by the present Act.
  - Schedule 1, paragraph 1 deals with the number of members of the European Parliament to be elected in the United Kingdom. It is replaced by the new section 2 inserted by section 1 of the present Act.
  - Schedule 1, paragraph 2(1) deals with the franchise for elections to the European Parliament. It is replaced by the new section 3C inserted by section 1 of this Act.
  - Schedule 1, paragraph 2(2) sets out the voting system in Northern Ireland. It is replaced by identical provisions in the new section 3A inserted by section 1 of the present Act.
  - In Schedule 1, paragraph 2(3)(a) the words "(including the registration of electors and the limitation of candidates' election expenses)". Paragraph 2(3) gives the Secretary of State power to make regulations. Specific references to election expenses are now contained in the new sub-paragraph (3A) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Act which is set out in Schedule 2 to the present Act.
  - Schedule 1, paragraph 2(4)(c) permits regulations to be made which amend provisions relating to the registration of Parliamentary and local government electors. This power has never been used and is no longer needed.

#### **The European Parliamentary Elections Act 1981**

52. This Act deals with European Parliamentary constituency boundaries. It is no longer relevant since constituencies are to be replaced by electoral regions.

#### **The Representation Of The People Act 1985**

53. [Section 3\(1\)](#) deals with the inclusion of British citizens overseas who are registered to vote in Parliamentary elections in the franchise for European Parliamentary Elections. It is superseded by the new Section 3C(2) of the 1978 Act inserted by section 1 of this Act.

### **The Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986**

54. [Schedule 3](#), paragraph 5 of this 1986 Act amends Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978. The whole of Schedule 2 to the 1978 Act is replaced by the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to this Act.

### **The European Parliamentary Elections Act 1993**

55. [Section 1](#) deals with the number of representatives to the European Parliament. This is superseded by the provisions of the new section 2 of the 1978 Act inserted by section 1 of this Act.
56. [Section 2](#) and the Schedule are concerned with European Parliamentary constituencies and are no longer relevant since constituencies are to be replaced by electoral regions.

### **The Local Government (Wales) Act 1994**

57. [Schedule 16](#), paragraph 54(1) amends paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the 1978 Act. This is replaced by the new paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 set out in paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to this Act.
58. [Schedule 16](#), paragraph 54(2) amends paragraph 5A of Schedule 2 to the 1978 Act. The whole of Schedule 2 to the 1978 Act is replaced by the Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to this Act.

### **The European Parliamentary Elections (Changes To The Franchise And Qualification Of Representatives) Regulations 1994**

59. Regulation 4(3) deals with candidates' consent to nomination. It is being revoked because new arrangements will be needed to enable candidates standing on a party list to indicate their consent to nomination.