

*These notes refer to the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 16 February 2011*

# PARLIAMENTARY VOTING SYSTEM AND CONSTITUENCIES ACT 2011

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### *Schedule 4: Application to the referendum of existing provisions*

119. *Schedule 4* provides that certain provisions within existing electoral law will apply for the purposes of the referendum, with modifications specified in the Schedule. In particular, the rules governing registration for, and conduct of, elections will apply in the case of the referendum. The modifications specified in the Schedule are necessary to take account of those aspects of the referendum which differ from elections.
120. This Schedule comprises four Parts. *Part 1* sets out which sections of the 1983 Act will apply, with the effect of using existing electoral registers for the purposes of the referendum, and in order to ensure the integrity of the referendum process. *Parts 2 to 4* of the Schedule apply a number of existing provisions so as to deal in detail with matters such as the provision of registers to counting officers, applications for proxy or postal voting and the post-referendum access to certain documents used for the referendum.