

*These notes refer to the House of Lords Reform Act 2014
(c.24) which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014*

HOUSE OF LORDS REFORM ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 1: Resignation

13. Subsection (1) states that a member of the House of Lords who is a peer may retire or otherwise resign as a member of the House of Lords by giving notice in writing to the Clerk of the Parliaments. At present it is not possible for a member to resign.
14. Subsection (2) provides that the notice must specify a date from which the resignation will take effect; it must also be signed by the departing peer and a witness.
15. Subsection (3) states that the peer ceases to be a member of the House of Lords at the beginning of the date specified in the notice.
16. Subsection (4) provides that resignation may not be rescinded.