



# Coronavirus Act 2020

## 2020 CHAPTER 7

### PART 1

#### MAIN PROVISIONS

##### *Postponement of elections, referendums, recall petitions and canvass*

#### **62 Power to postpone a recall petition under the Recall of MPs Act 2015**

- (1) In relation to a Speaker's notice received by a petition officer in the period beginning with the day on which this Act is passed and ending with 21 April 2021, section 7 of the 2015 Act (where and from when a recall petition may be signed) has effect as if for subsection (4) there were substituted—
- “(4) The petition officer must designate under subsection (1)(b)—
- (a) a working day that falls no later than 6 May 2021, or
  - (b) if it is not reasonably practicable to designate such a day, the first subsequent working day that it is reasonably practicable to designate.”
- (2) The Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office may, by regulations made by statutory instrument, provide that the designated day for a relevant recall petition is postponed until a date specified in the regulations.
- (3) For the purposes of this section a recall petition is “relevant” if the day designated in relation to it under section 7(1)(b) of the 2015 Act (date from which petition may be signed) falls within the period beginning with the day on which this Act is passed and ending with 5 May 2021.
- (4) The date specified in regulations under subsection (2) must be no later than 6 May 2021.
- (5) The power to make regulations under subsection (2) may be exercised more than once in respect of any relevant recall petition.

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(6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (2) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

(7) In this section—

“the 2015 Act” means the Recall of MPs Act 2015;

“the designated day” has the same meaning as in the 2015 Act (see section 7(5) of that Act);

“petition officer” has the same meaning as in the 2015 Act (see section 6(2) of that Act);

“recall petition” has the same meaning as in the 2015 Act (see section 1(2) of that Act);

“Speaker's notice” has the same meaning as in the 2015 Act (see section 5(7) of that Act).

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