



National Security Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND PERSONS ACTING FOR FOREIGN POWERS

Foreign interference

16 Foreign interference in elections

- (1) [This section](#) applies where—
 - (a) a person commits a relevant electoral offence on or after the day on which [this section](#) comes into force, and
 - (b) the foreign power condition is met in relation to the conduct of the person which constitutes the offence (see [section 31](#)).
- (2) A “relevant electoral offence” is an offence listed in column 1 of the table in [Part 1](#) of [Schedule 1](#) (“the table”).
- (3) The person is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the specified maximum term or a fine (or both).
- (4) The specified maximum term is the term specified in column 2 of the table in relation to the relevant electoral offence.
- (5) Where an offence is found to have been committed over a period of 2 or more days, or at some time during a period of 2 or more days, it must be taken for the purposes of [subsection \(1\)](#) to have been committed on the first of those days.
- (6) [Part 2](#) of [Schedule 1](#) amends provisions relating to relevant electoral offences.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 100\(1\)](#)
- I2** S. 16 in force at 20.12.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1272](#), [reg. 2\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the National Security Act 2023, Section 16.