

Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill

Groupings of Amendments for Stage 2

This document provides procedural information which will assist in preparing for and following proceedings on the above Bill. The information provided is as follows:

- the list of groupings (that is, the order in which amendments will be debated). Any procedural points relevant to each group are noted;
- the text of amendments to be debated during Stage 2 consideration, set out in the order in which they will be debated. **THIS LIST DOES NOT REPLACE THE MARSHALLED LIST, WHICH SETS OUT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL BE DISPOSED OF.**

Groupings of amendments

Young person's information: protection of information and exemptions

1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Applications for registration: statement where date of birth not required and use of online service by under 16s

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Indication in combined registers of attainment of age of 18

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Voting age for proxies at local government elections

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Alterations in the register: persons aged under 18 prior to 1 December 2015

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Amendments in debating order

Young person's information: protection of information and exemptions

John Swinney

1 In section 2, page 2, line 9, at end insert—

<() after paragraph (5) insert—

“(5A) In relation to the registration of local government electors, the registration officer must not, under paragraph (5), print on the form the date of birth of any person aged under 16.”>

John Swinney

5 In section 12, page 8, line 30, after <electors> insert <, or

() an absent voters record or list,>

John Swinney

6 In section 12, page 8, line 31, at end insert <and “young person” is to be construed accordingly,>

John Swinney

7 In section 12, page 8, line 34, after <Act,> insert—

<() “absent voters record or list” means the following, so far as relating to local government elections—

(i) a record kept under paragraph 3(4) or 7(6) of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (absent voting),

(ii) a list kept under paragraph 5 or 7(8) of that Schedule,>

John Swinney

8 In section 13, page 9, line 5, at end insert—

<() A young person's information may be disclosed in accordance with regulation 32ZA(5) and (5A) of the 2001 Regulations (pre-population of the canvass form).>

John Swinney

9 In section 13, page 9, line 8, after <electors> insert <or an absent voters record or list>

John Swinney

10 In section 13, page 9, line 21, at end insert—

<() any enactment making provision equivalent to that in regulation 61 of the 2001 Regulations (absent voters records and lists) in relation to elections for membership of the Scottish Parliament or local government elections,>

John Swinney

11 In section 13, page 9, line 34, after <the> insert <young>

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John Swinney

12 In section 13, page 9, line 34, at end insert—

<() A registration officer must supply a young person’s information to the young person to whom it relates if the young person requests the information for the purpose of verifying that the young person is a permissible donor within the meaning of section 54(2)(a) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.>

John Swinney

13 In section 13, page 9, line 34, at end insert—

<() A young person’s information may be disclosed to a person appointed as proxy to vote for the young person to whom the information relates.>

Applications for registration: statement where date of birth not required and use of online service by under 16s

John Swinney

2 In section 5, page 3, line 16, at end insert—

<() after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) In relation to the registration of local government electors, where the applicant is not able to provide the applicant’s date of birth, the statement referred to in paragraph (1)(e) must indicate whether the applicant is—

- (a) under the age of 16,
- (b) aged 16 or 17, or
- (c) aged 18 or older.”,

() in paragraph (3), after “(1)” insert “, (1A)”;>

John Swinney

3 In section 5, page 3, line 23, leave out <(8)(a) and (9)> and insert <and (8)(a)>

Indication in combined registers of attainment of age of 18

John Swinney

4 After section 11, insert—

<Register of electors

In section 9 of the 1983 Act (registers of electors), after subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Scotland, the entry in the combined registers of any person aged 16 or 17 who is registered only as a local government elector must give the date on which the person will attain the age of 18.”>

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Voting age for proxies at local government elections

John Swinney

14 After section 14, insert—

<Proxies

Voting age for proxies at local government elections

- (1) In Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (absent voting), paragraph 6 (proxies at elections) is amended in accordance with this section.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (5), after “election” insert “(other than a local government election in Scotland)”.
- (3) After sub-paragraph (5) insert—
 - “(5A) A person is not capable of voting as proxy at a local government election in Scotland unless on the date of the election the person has attained the age of 16.”.>

Alterations in the register: persons aged under 18 prior to 1 December 2015

John Swinney

15 After section 15, insert—

<Transitional provision

Alterations in the register: persons aged under 18 prior to 1 December 2015

- (1) This section applies in a case where a registration officer would, apart from this section, be required under section 13A of the 1983 Act to issue a notice before 1 December 2015 of an alteration in the register of local government electors in respect of a relevant person.
- (2) Despite section 13A of the 1983 Act, the registration officer need not issue the notice and the alteration is to be made in the next revised version of the register due to be published in accordance with section 13(1) of the 1983 Act on or after 1 December 2015.
- (3) In subsection (1), “relevant person” means a person who will not have attained the age of 18 before 1 December 2015.>