

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)  
which received Royal Assent on 19th November 1998*

# SCOTLAND ACT 1998

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY

SECTION 4: Calculating time for meeting of the Parliament

#### Purpose and Effect

This section specifies the days which are to be disregarded when calculating the time between the date of a general election and the date on which the Parliament must meet.

#### General

This section is related to sections 2 and 3, which are concerned with the timing of general elections and extraordinary general elections and the timing of the first meeting of the Parliament to be held after such elections.

#### Parliamentary Consideration

<i>Stage</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Column</i>
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#### Details of Provisions

This section applies for the purposes of subsections (3)(b) and (5)(c) of section 2 and subsection (2)(c) of section 3, which provide that after a general election the Parliament must meet within a period of seven days beginning on the day immediately following the poll at that election. In calculating the seven day period certain days must be disregarded. These are Saturdays, Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday, bank holidays in Scotland and days appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.