

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)  
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# SCOTLAND ACT 1998

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SCHEDULES

#### [Schedule 5](#)

### Part II: Preliminary paragraphs

#### Head B - Home Affairs

#### *Section B3: Elections*

##### General

The reservation covers all matters concerning elections for membership of the House of Commons, the European Parliament, and the Scottish Parliament. The law concerning elections covers, in particular, who may stand or vote in any elections, procedures under which votes are counted and candidates returned, and what the constituencies and timing of elections should be.

Provision is made under sections 1-14 and Schedule 1 of the Act for elections to the Scottish Parliament. These provisions will also be outwith the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament by virtue of section 29(2)(c) and Schedule 4.