



# European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002

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### EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ACT 2002

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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Electoral regions in England and Gibraltar

(1) The electoral regions in England and Gibraltar are listed in...

2 (1) A reference to an area specified in column (2)...

3 *Number of MEPs for each region*

4 TABLE (1) (2) (3). . . . .

SCHEDULE 1A — PERIODIC REVIEWS OF DISTRIBUTION OF MEPS

*Electoral Commission review and recommendation*

1 (1) As soon as possible after 1st May in a...

*Exclusion or suspension of duties under paragraph 1*

2 (1) The Commission may not take any step (or further...

*Implementation of Electoral Commission recommendation*

3 (1) Where a recommendation under paragraph 1(3) is made to...

*Implementation of Electoral Commission recommendation*

4 (1) If a motion for the approval of a draft...

*Exclusion or suspension of duties and powers under paragraph 3 or 4*

5 (1) The Secretary of State may not take any step...

*Supplementary*

6 (1) In this Schedule— “ general election of MEPs ”...

SCHEDULE 2 — Transitional provisions

1 The repeal and re-enactment of provisions in this Act does...

2 Anything done, or having effect as if done, under or...

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- 3 A reference, express or implied, in this Act, another enactment...
- 4 (1) A reference, express or implied, in any enactment, instrument...
- 5 Paragraphs 1 to 4 have effect in place of section...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — Consequential amendments

- 1 *European Communities Act 1972 (c.68)*
- 2 *Juries Act 1974 (c. 23)*
- 3 *Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1974 (S.I. 1974/2143)*
- 4 *European Parliament (Pay and Pensions) Act 1979 (c. 50)*
- 5 *Broadcasting Act 1996 (c.55)*
- 6 *Government of Wales Act 1998 (c.38)*
- 7 *Scotland Act 1998 (c.46)*
- 8 *Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41)*

#### SCHEDULE 4 — Repeals and revocations

#### TABLE OF ORIGINS —

- 1 *Notes:*
- 2 The following abbreviations are used in the Table:— Acts of...
- 3 The Table does not separately acknowledge the provisions of section...
- 4 Where the Act incorporates the effect of subordinate legislation, the...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1(1) word substituted by 2011 c. 12 s. 16(2)
- s. 1(3) words substituted by 2011 c. 12 s. 16(3)
- s. 5(5) substituted by S.I. 2018/107 reg. 2(3)
- s. 10(5) words substituted by S.I. 2013/2876 reg. 3(1)
- s. 12 repealed by 2011 c. 12 s. 14(3)(c)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) excluded by 2015 c. 36 Sch. 3 para. 5(4)
- Sch. 3 para. 3 repealed by 2015 c. 9 (N.I.) Sch. 9 Pt. 5

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act functions made exercisable concurrently by S.I. 2010/1837 art. 3
- Act functions transferred by S.I. 2015/1376 art. 3(1) Sch. 1
- Act functions transferred by S.I. 2016/997 art. 3(1) Sch. 1(l)
- Act power to apply (with modifications) conferred by 1998 c. 46, ss. 12(4), 12(5) (as substituted) by 2016 c. 11 s. 4(1)
- Act power to apply or incorporate (with modifications) conferred by 2011 c. 13 s. 54(2)-(5)
- Act power to apply or incorporate (with modifications) conferred by 2011 c. 13 s. 58(1)-(3) (7)
- Blanket amendment words substituted by S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 4
- Blanket amendment words substituted by S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 6

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 5(3A)(3B) inserted by S.I. 2018/107 reg. 2(2)
- s. 10(5A) inserted by S.I. 2013/2876 reg. 3(2)
- s. 16B inserted by S.I. 2010/1837 Sch. para. 10
- s. 16B substituted by S.I. 2015/1376 Sch. 2 para. 10
- s. 16B substituted by S.I. 2016/997 Sch. 2 para. 16

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- S.I. 2011/1984 art. 2 commences (2011 c. 12)
- S.I. 2011/1985 art. 2 commences (2011 c. 12)
- S.R. 2016/387 art. 2 commences (2015 c. 9 (N.I.))