# European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Act 2004

**2004 CHAPTER 2**

*Offences*

**7 Time limit for prosecution of offences**

(1) This section applies for the purposes of any election held in accordance with provision made by a pilot order.

(2) A magistrates' court may act under subsection (3) if it is satisfied on an application by a constable or Crown Prosecutor—

(a) that there are exceptional circumstances which justify the granting of the application, and

(b) that there has been no undue delay in the investigation of the offence to which the application relates.

(3) The magistrates' court may extend the time within which proceedings for an offence must be commenced in pursuance of section 176(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (time limit for prosecution of offences under that Act) to not more than 24 months after the offence is committed.

**Changes to legislation:**
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Act 2004, Section 7.