



# House of Lords Reform Act 2014

## 2014 CHAPTER 24

### **4 Effect of ceasing to be a member**

- (1) This section applies where a person ceases to be a member of the House of Lords in accordance with this Act.
- (2) The person becomes disqualified from attending the proceedings of the House of Lords (including the proceedings of a Committee of the House).
- (3) Accordingly, the person shall not be entitled to receive a writ to attend the House (whether under section 1 of the Life Peerages Act 1958, by virtue of the dignity conferred by virtue of appointment as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, by virtue of a hereditary peerage or as a Lord Spiritual) and may not attend the House in pursuance of a writ already received.
- (4) If the person is a hereditary peer who is excepted from section 1 of the House of Lords Act 1999 by virtue of section 2 of that Act, the person ceases to be excepted from section 1 of that Act (and accordingly section 3 of that Act applies (removal of disqualification on voting in parliamentary elections or being an MP)).
- (5) If the person is a peer other than a hereditary peer, the person is not, by virtue of that peerage, disqualified for—
  - (a) voting at elections to the House of Commons, or
  - (b) being, or being elected as, a member of that House.

<sup>F1</sup>(6) .....

- (7) The Standing Orders of the House required by section 2(4) of the House of Lords Act 1999 (filling of vacancies) must make provision requiring the holding of a by-election to fill any vacancy which arises under this Act among the people excepted from section 1 of that Act in consequence of an election.
- (8) Subject to section 3(7), a person who ceases to be a member of the House of Lords in accordance with this Act may not subsequently become a member of that House.

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, Section 4. (See end of Document for details)*

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 4(6) omitted (16.1.2024) by virtue of [Elections Act 2022 \(c. 37\)](#), s. 67(1), [Sch. 7 para. 10](#) (with [Sch. 7 para. 13](#)); [S.I. 2023/1405](#), reg. 2

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