



House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 14

1 Expulsion and suspension of members of the House of Lords

- (1) Standing Orders of the House of Lords may make provision under which the House of Lords may by resolution—
 - (a) expel a member of the House of Lords, or
 - (b) suspend a member of the House of Lords for the period specified in the resolution.
- (2) A person expelled by virtue of this section ceases to be a member.
- (3) A person suspended by virtue of this section remains a member during the period of suspension, but during that period the person—
 - (a) is not entitled to receive writs of summons to attend the House of Lords, and
 - (b) despite any writ of summons previously issued to the person, is disqualified from sitting or voting in the House of Lords or a committee of the House of Lords.
- (4) A resolution passed by virtue of subsection (1) must state that, in the opinion of the House of Lords, the conduct giving rise to the resolution—
 - (a) occurred after the coming into force of this Act, or
 - (b) occurred before the coming into force of this Act and was not public knowledge before that time.

2 Entitlement to receive writs of summons to attend House of Lords

In section 6 of the House of Lords Reform Act 2014 (interpretation), after subsection (2)(c) insert—

- “(d) section 1(3) of the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015 (suspension).”

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015. (See end of Document for details)

3 Effect of ceasing to be a member

A person expelled in accordance with section 1 is to be treated as if that person had ceased to be a member in accordance with the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, for the purposes of section 4(2) to (8) of that Act.

4 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the House of Lords (Expulsion and Suspension) Act 2015.
- (2) This Act shall come into force at the end of the period of three months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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