



European Union Referendum Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 36

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- (1) A referendum is to be held on whether the United Kingdom should remain a member of the European Union.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, by regulations, appoint the day on which the referendum is to be held.
- (3) The day appointed under subsection (2)—
 - (a) must be no later than 31 December 2017,
 - (b) must not be 5 May 2016, and
 - (c) must not be 4 May 2017.
- (4) The question that is to appear on the ballot papers is—

“Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?”
- (5) The alternative answers to that question that are to appear on the ballot papers are—

“Remain a member of the European Union
Leave the European Union”.
- (6) In Wales, there must also appear on the ballot papers—
 - (a) the following Welsh version of the question—

“A ddylai'r Deyrnas Unedig aros yn aelod o'r Undeb Ewropeaidd neu adael yr Undeb Ewropeaidd?”, and
 - (b) the following Welsh versions of the alternative answers—

“Aros yn aelod o'r Undeb Ewropeaidd
Gadael yr Undeb Ewropeaidd”.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the European Union Referendum Act 2015, Section 1. (See end of Document for details)

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