



# European Union Referendum Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 36

### *The referendum*

#### **2 Entitlement to vote in the referendum**

- (1) Those entitled to vote in the referendum are—
- (a) the persons who, on the date of the referendum, would be entitled to vote as electors at a parliamentary election in any constituency,
  - (b) the persons who, on that date, are disqualified by reason of being peers from voting as electors at parliamentary elections but—
    - (i) would be entitled to vote as electors at a local government election in any electoral area in Great Britain,
    - (ii) would be entitled to vote as electors at a local election in any district electoral area in Northern Ireland, or
    - (iii) would be entitled to vote as electors at a European Parliamentary election in any electoral region by virtue of section 3 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (peers resident outside the United Kingdom), and
  - (c) the persons who, on the date of the referendum—
    - (i) would be entitled to vote in Gibraltar as electors at a European Parliamentary election in the combined electoral region in which Gibraltar is comprised, and
    - (ii) fall within subsection (2).
- (2) A person falls within this subsection if the person is either—
- (a) a Commonwealth citizen, or
  - (b) a citizen of the Republic of Ireland.
- (3) In subsection (1)(b)(i) “local government election” includes a municipal election in the City of London (that is, an election to the office of mayor, alderman, common councilman or sheriff and also the election of any officer elected by the mayor, aldermen and liverymen in common hall).

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the European Union Referendum Act 2015, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)

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