



# Scotland Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 11

### PART 1

#### CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

##### *The Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government*

#### **1 Permanence of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government**

In the Scotland Act 1998 after Part 2 (the Scottish Administration) insert—

#### **“PART 2A**

##### PERMANENCE OF THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT AND SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

#### **63A Permanence of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government**

- (1) The Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government are a permanent part of the United Kingdom's constitutional arrangements.
- (2) The purpose of this section is, with due regard to the other provisions of this Act, to signify the commitment of the Parliament and Government of the United Kingdom to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government.
- (3) In view of that commitment it is declared that the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government are not to be abolished except on the basis of a decision of the people of Scotland voting in a referendum.”

**Changes to legislation:**

Scotland Act 2016, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 September 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2017/455, reg. 3 by [S.I. 2019/1438 reg. 2](#)