



# Trade Union Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 15

### *Electronic balloting*

#### **4 Provision for electronic balloting: review and piloting scheme**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall commission an independent review, the report of which shall be laid before each House of Parliament, on the delivery of secure methods of electronic balloting for the purpose of ballots held under section 226 of the 1992 Act (requirement of ballot before action by trade union).
- (2) The use of pilot schemes shall be permitted to inform the design and implementation of electronic balloting before it is rolled out across union strike ballots.
- (3) The Secretary of State must consider the report and publish and lay before each House of Parliament his or her response to it.
- (4) For the purpose of preparing the response under subsection (3), the Secretary of State must consult relevant organisations including professionals from expert associations to seek their advice and recommendations.
- (5) The review under subsection (1) shall be commissioned within six months of the passing of this Act.