



Human Rights Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 42

Parliamentary procedure

19 Statements of compatibility.

- (1) A Minister of the Crown in charge of a Bill in either House of Parliament must, before Second Reading of the Bill—
 - (a) make a statement to the effect that in his view the provisions of the Bill are compatible with the Convention rights (“a statement of compatibility”); or
 - (b) make a statement to the effect that although he is unable to make a statement of compatibility the government nevertheless wishes the House to proceed with the Bill.
- (2) The statement must be in writing and be published in such manner as the Minister making it considers appropriate.

Changes to legislation:

Human Rights Act 1998, Cross Heading: Parliamentary procedure is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 March 2019. 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.

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act modified by [2018 c. 16 Sch. 8 para. 30](#)