



# Scotland Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 46

### PART I

#### THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

##### *Legislation*

### **36 Stages of Bills**

- (1) Standing orders shall include provision—
  - (a) for general debate on a Bill with an opportunity for members to vote on its general principles,
  - (b) for the consideration of, and an opportunity for members to vote on, the details of a Bill, and
  - (c) for a final stage at which a Bill can be passed or rejected.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent standing orders making provision to enable the Parliament to expedite proceedings in relation to a particular Bill.
- (3) Standing orders may make provision different from that required by subsection (1) for the procedure applicable to Bills of any of the following kinds—
  - (a) Bills which restate the law,
  - (b) Bills which repeal spent enactments,
  - (c) private Bills.
- (4) Standing orders shall provide for an opportunity for the reconsideration of a Bill after its passing if (and only if)—
  - (a) the Judicial Committee decide that the Bill or any provision of it would not be within the legislative competence of the Parliament,
  - (b) a reference made in relation to the Bill under section 33 is withdrawn following a request for withdrawal of the reference under section 34(2)(b), or
  - (c) an order is made in relation to the Bill under section 35.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) Standing orders shall, in particular, ensure that any Bill amended on reconsideration is subject to a final stage at which it can be approved or rejected.
- (6) References in subsection (4), sections 28(2) and 38(1)(a) and paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the passing of a Bill shall, in the case of a Bill which has been amended on reconsideration, be read as references to the approval of the Bill.