

*These notes refer to the European Parliament (Representation)  
Act 2003 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 8 May 2003*

# EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (REPRESENTATION) ACT 2003

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Gibraltar**

#### *Section 11 : Establishment of combined region*

28. **Section 11** enables the Lord Chancellor to give effect by order to the recommendation of the Electoral Commission as to which electoral region Gibraltar should be combined with and to create the combined region. He is required to specify the region recommended by the Electoral Commission under *section 10* unless, in accordance with *section 13(8)*, following rejection of or withdrawal of a motion for approval of the order, he substitutes a different region after consultation with the Electoral Commission. Section 1 of the 2002 Act provides for England to be divided into nine electoral regions and for Wales to constitute one region. Schedule 1 to the 2002 Act sets out the constituent areas of each English region. *Subsection (1)* therefore provides for the order to specify the recommended region once known and includes power to amend the provisions for electoral regions in the 2002 Act to include Gibraltar in the combined region once it has been decided which region that is. *Subsection (3)* requires the Lord Chancellor to consult the Electoral Commission before making an order under this power.