

*These notes refer to the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c.12) which received Royal Assent on 21 July 2009*

# **POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS ACT 2009**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1: the Electoral Commission**

##### ***Section 6: Number of Electoral Commissioners***

22. This section amends section 1 of the 2000 Act to increase the minimum and maximum number of Electoral Commissioners that may be appointed. The effect of the section is to increase the minimum from 5 to 9, and the maximum from 9 to 10. The increase in the minimum is intended to ensure that the nominated Commissioners will always be a minority of Commissioners.