

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: the Electoral Commission

Section 8: Education about systems of Government and EU institutions

30. **Section 8** amends section 13 of the 2000 Act to remove the obligation imposed on the Electoral Commission to promote awareness of current and pending systems of local and national government and the institutions of the European Union. The removal of that obligation does not prevent the Commission from continuing to provide information about systems of government and EU institutions insofar as it is needed to help promote understanding of electoral systems in the United Kingdom.