

*These notes refer to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c.13) which received Royal Assent on 15 September 2011*

# **POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011**

---

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **OVERVIEW**

#### **Part 1- Police Reform**

##### **Police and Crime Commissioners: Elections and Vacancies**

###### ***Section 58: Power to make provision about elections etc***

194. **Section 58** provides that the Secretary of State may by order, subject to the affirmative resolution procedure and after consulting the Electoral Commission (under section 7 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 as amended by Schedule 10), make provision as to the conduct of elections of police and crime commissioners and the questioning of such an election and consequences of irregularities. Such an order may apply or incorporate, with or without modifications or exceptions, any relevant provision (defined in *subsection (7)*), modify forms used in other elections in order to enable them to be used in elections for police and crime commissioners also, regulate candidate, political party and third party campaign spending and include provision relating to criminal offences. *Subsection (5)* provides that such an order may make amendments to any relevant provision which are consequential on any provision of Chapter 6 or regulations under section 54 or an order under *subsection (1)* of section 58.