

*These notes refer to the European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Act 2004 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 1 April 2004*

# **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL ELECTIONS (PILOTS) ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 2: Pilot order***

12. This section makes provision about the terms of any pilot order made under section 1(1), in particular that it may provide for conduct of elections which differs from existing election rules.
13. Subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7) provide that the pilot order will contain provision to require returning officers to provide polling progress information to certain persons prior to the close of poll. Polling progress information, sometimes called a marked register, is information as to which electors have returned an envelope purporting to contain a completed ballot paper.
14. Subsections (10) and (11) provide that a pilot order can only be made following consultation with the Electoral Commission.
15. A pilot order is not subject to parliamentary procedure.