

*These notes refer to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 24 March 2005*

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Speakership of the House of Lords

Section 18 and Schedule 6: Speakership of the House of Lords

47. [Section 18](#) introduces Schedule 6. Schedule 6 provides that references in primary legislation to the Lord Chancellor in his capacity as Speaker of the House of Lords are replaced with references to the ‘Speaker of the House of Lords’. This change will ensure that the provisions amended are capable of applying to any Speaker of that House, who need not however be known formally by that title. The purpose of the provision is to enable the House of Lords to decide upon future arrangements for its Speakership without the need to amend existing references in primary legislation.