



Political Parties and Elections Act 2009

2009 CHAPTER 12

PART 5

GENERAL

38 Meaning of “the 1983 Act” and “the 2000 Act”

In this Act—

“the 1983 Act” means the Representation of the People Act [1983 \(c. 2\)](#);

“the 2000 Act” means the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act [2000 \(c. 41\)](#).

39 Amendments and repeals

Schedules 6 (minor and consequential amendments) and 7 (repeals) have effect.

40 Transitional provision

In relation to England and Wales, a reference in this Act to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months (including any such reference inserted in any other Act) is to be read, in the case of an offence committed before the commencement of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act [2003 \(c. 44\)](#) (general limit on magistrates' court's power to impose imprisonment), as a reference to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

41 Money

- (1) There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.
- (2) There shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund any increase attributable to this Act in the sums to be charged on and paid out of that Fund under any other Act.

- (3) There shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act.

42 Extent

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The following provisions extend also to Gibraltar—
- section 1(1) and (3);
 - section 4;
 - sections 5 to 7, paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 27 of Schedule 6 and the entry in Schedule 7 relating to Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act;
 - section 12.

43 Commencement

- (1) This Act comes into force on whatever day or days the Secretary of State appoints by order made by statutory instrument.
- (2) An order under subsection (1)—
- (a) may make different provision for different purposes or different areas;
 - (b) may make transitional or saving provision.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) bringing into force any provision of section 10 or 11, or Schedule 4, may make such supplementary, incidental or consequential provision as the Secretary of State considers appropriate—
- (a) for the general purposes, or any particular purposes, of those sections or that Schedule, or
 - (b) in consequence of, or for giving full effect to, any provision of those sections or that Schedule.
- (4) An order made by virtue of subsection (3) may make provision amending this Act or the 2000 Act.

An order that makes any such provision must not be made unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

- (5) Subsection (1) does not apply to—
- (a) section 1(1) and (3),
 - (b) sections 4, 5 and 7, paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 27 of Schedule 6 and the entry in Schedule 7 relating to Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act,
 - (c) section 19 and Schedule 5,
 - (d) section 22,
 - (e) section 26,
 - (f) section 32(6),
 - (g) section 38,
 - (h) section 39 so far as relating to provisions in Schedules 6 and 7 mentioned above, and
 - (i) sections 40 to 44,

which accordingly come into force on the day on which this Act is passed.

44 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009.