

SCHEDULE 2

Amendments to other Acts

The Local Government and Rating Act 1997

- 8.**—(1) Section 14 of the 1997 Act (implementation by Secretary of State) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) in paragraph (a) omit the words from “(together” to “England”); and
 - (b) in paragraph (b), omit the words from “(together” to “petition”.
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) The Electoral Commission may by order give effect to any proposals sent to them under section 9 or 12 subject to—
 - (a) any recommendations made to them on those proposals by the Boundary Committee for England; and
 - (b) any modifications to those recommendations agreed with that Committee.”
- (4) In subsection (2), for “this section” substitute “subsection (1A)”.
- (5) Omit subsection (3).
- (6) For subsection (5) substitute—
- “(5) The Electoral Commission may give effect to proposals sent to them under section 12 whether or not the proposals are sent within the period mentioned in section 12(7).
 - (6) The Secretary of State may give effect to a petition in accordance with subsection (1) (b) whether or not it is sent to him within the period mentioned in section 11(4).”