

Prime Minister (Limitation of Period of Office) Bill [HL]

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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Limit the period during which a person may be Prime Minister.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duty of Prime Minister to resign after holding office for more than two terms of Parliament

- (1) Where subsection (2) applies, the person who holds the office of Prime Minister on the polling day for a parliamentary general election must, on the following day, tender to Her Majesty his or her resignation from that office which will take effect upon the appointment of another person to the office of Prime Minister. 5
- (2) This subsection applies where that person—
- (a) was appointed to that office before the polling day for the parliamentary general election preceding that referred to in subsection (1); and 10
- (b) has held office continuously since that appointment.
- (3) This section applies to the person who holds the office of Prime Minister on the day on which this Act comes into force, as well as to a person appointed to that office on or after that day. 15

2 Ineligibility for continuation as Prime Minister

- (1) A person is ineligible to continue in the office of Prime Minister if the following conditions are satisfied.
- (2) The first condition is that that person has previously held the office of Prime Minister (whether before or after this Act comes into force). 20
- (3) The second condition is that the person has held the office for an aggregate period of the life of two Parliaments.

3 Citation, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Prime Minister (Limitation of Period of Office) Act 2014.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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