

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT)
BILL 2013**

Explanatory Memorandum

1. This Bill is promoted by the Council of Ministers.
2. *Clause 1* provides for the short title of the resulting Act and *clause 2* states that the Act is to apply to the next general election of the Keys and all elections thereafter.
3. *Clause 3* amends the Representation of the People Act 1995 by replacing section 11 with 2 new sections and repealing Schedule 1 which set out the old constituencies. New section 11 provides for the Electoral Commission to be appointed by the Governor in Council within 12 months of the general election of 2021 and every second general election thereafter, though there is power to appoint an Electoral Commission at other times. The Commission is to report to Tynwald with recommendations as to the number and boundaries of constituencies within 18 months of its appointment. Other reports must be made if Tynwald so resolves and the Commission is taken to have been dissolved after the submission of its final report.
4. New section 11A provides for 12 constituencies each returning 2 members. The Department of Infrastructure is required to produce maps showing the boundaries of the constituencies in accordance with the recommendations of the Boundary Committee report of May 2013 as approved by Tynwald the following month. The maps are to be deposited in the General Registry and made available for public inspection.
5. *Clause 4* provides for the Act to expire on the day following its promulgation or the general election of the Keys in 2016, whichever is the later.
6. The Bill is not expected to have any impact on resources.
7. In the opinion of the member moving the Bill its provisions are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 2001.



Ellan Vannin

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013

A BILL to amend further the Representation of the People Act 1995 with respect to the number and boundaries of the constituencies for elections to the House of Keys and their review; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Short title

The short title of this Act is the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act 2014.

2 Application

This Act applies to the general election of the Keys of 2016 and every election thereafter.

3 Provision for Electoral Commission and new constituencies

(1) The Representation of the People Act 1995 is amended in accordance with this section.

(2) For section 11 substitute —

“11 The Electoral Commission

(1) The Governor in Council must appoint a body, to be known as the Electoral Commission, within 12 months of the general election of 2021 and every second general election thereafter.

(2) However, the Governor in Council may appoint an Electoral Commission at any other time if a resolution of Tynwald so directs.

(3) The Electoral Commission must consist of a person appointed to chair the Commission and at least 3 other members.

- 1 (4) The Electoral Commission must consider such matter relating to
2 elections as a resolution of Tynwald directs.
- 3 (5) An Electoral Commission appointed under subsection (1) must
4 review the number and boundaries of constituencies and issue a
5 report to Tynwald no later than 18 months after its appointment.
- 6 (6) The Electoral Commission must issue such other reports to
7 Tynwald as a resolution of Tynwald directs.
- 8 (7) The Electoral Commission is taken to have been dissolved
9 following the issue of its final report to Tynwald.

10 **11A Constituencies**

- 11 (1) For an election the Island is divided into 12 constituencies each
12 returning 2 members as follows –
- 13 Ayre and Michael
14 Douglas Central
15 Douglas East
16 Douglas North
17 Douglas West
18 Garff
19 Glenfaba and Peel
20 Malew, Arbory and Castletown
21 Middle
22 Onchan
23 Ramsey
24 Rushen
- 25 (2) The Department of Infrastructure must prepare a series of maps
26 marking the boundaries of each of those constituencies as
27 recommended by the Third Report to Tynwald of the Boundary
28 Review Committee dated May 2013 and approved by Tynwald in
29 June 2013, and the maps must be deposited at the General
30 Registry.
- 31 (3) The Chief Registrar must make each of the maps prepared under
32 subsection (2), or copies of them, available for inspection by any
33 person at the General Registry at all reasonable times, and must
34 supply a copy of any map to any person on payment of such
35 reasonable charge as the Department of Infrastructure may
36 determine.”.

- 37 (3) Schedule 1 is repealed.

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- 1 **4 Expiry**
- 2 (1) This Act ceases to have effect on the day following –
- 3 (a) its promulgation; or
- 4 (b) the general election of the Keys held in 2016,
- 5 whichever is the later.
- 6 (2) Subsection (1) does not affect the continuing effect of the amendments
- 7 made by section 3.

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Approved by the Council of Ministers
for introduction in the House of Keys.

MR ANDERSON

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