

House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 30 July 2019

End of Life Choice Bill

Proposed amendment

Jenny Marcroft, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

Clause 2

Replace “This Act comes into force 12 months after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.” (page 2, lines 5 and 6) with:

- (1) If a majority of electors voting in a referendum agree that this Act should come into force, this Act comes into force 12 months after the date on which the official result of that referendum is declared.
- (2) If this Act does not come into force under **subsection (1)** within 5 years after the date on which it receives the Royal assent, this Act is repealed.
- (3) In this section, **referendum**—
 - (a) means a referendum providing electors with an opportunity to decide whether this Act should come into force; and
 - (b) includes any fresh referendum required to be held if the High Court, on a petition, declares the referendum under **paragraph (a)** to be void.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends *clause 2* of the End of Life Choice Bill to make the commencement of the Bill contingent on the outcome of a referendum.

If the majority of electors voting at a referendum agree the Bill should come into force, the Bill comes into force 12 months after the official result of the referendum is declared.

If the majority of electors voting at a referendum do not agree that the Bill should come into force, this Bill is repealed.

If no referendum is held within 5 years after the date on which this Bill receives the Royal assent, this Bill is repealed.