

Removal of Titles Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the King'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 Power to remove titles

- (1) His Majesty may remove any title.
- (2) Where His Majesty has exercised the power under subsection (1)—
 - (a) if the person from whom a title has been removed is a peer, their name must be struck out of the Roll of Peerage, and all rights of such a peer to receive a writ of summons and to sit in the House of Lords or to take part in the election of representative peers shall cease and determine; 5
 - (b) all privileges and all rights to any dignity or title, whether in respect of a peerage or under any Royal Warrant or Letters Patent, shall cease and determine. 10
- (3) His Majesty may exercise the power in subsection (1)—
 - (a) on his own initiative, or
 - (b) following a recommendation made by a joint committee of Parliament.
- (4) In this Act, “titles” means— 15
 - (a) any hereditary peerage in the peerage of England, Scotland, Great Britain, the United Kingdom or Ireland;
 - (b) any baronetcy or other hereditary title within England, Scotland, Great Britain, the United Kingdom or Ireland.
- (5) The powers conferred upon His Majesty by this Act shall be in addition to, 20and not in derogation of, any other powers of His Majesty.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Removal of Titles Act 2023.

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