



Northern Ireland Assembly

Assembly Members (Remuneration Board) Bill

Marshalled List of Amendments Consideration Stage

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Amendments tabled up to 9.30am Wednesday, 7 May 2025 and selected for debate

The Bill will be considered in the following order-

Clauses and Long Title

Amendment 1 [Made]

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 3

After ‘the’ insert ‘Independent’

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Amendment 2 [Negatived]

Leave out clause 3 and insert -

‘Increase in salary

3A. After section 2(2) of the 2011 Act (objectives of the Panel in determining salaries of members) insert—

“(2A) In exercising its function under subsection (1)(a), the Board must ensure that any increase in the salary payable to a member of the Assembly is by a percentage that is no greater than the most recent Consumer Price Index rate of inflation as published by the Office of National Statistics.”’

Mr Gerry Carroll

Amendment 3 [Negatived]

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 5

After first ‘to’ insert ‘any reduction in Members’ legislative competence as a result of the application of the provisions of EU law listed in Annexes 1 to 5 of the Windsor Framework (formerly the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland) and’

Mr Timothy Gaston

Amendment 4 [Negatived]

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 8

Leave out from ‘; and’ to ‘Ireland)’ on line 10

Mr Timothy Gaston

Clause 3 [Question that Clause 3, stand part agreed without Division]

The Member listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that clause 3 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Gerry Carroll

Amendment 5 [Negatived]

New Clause

After clause 3 insert -

‘Functions of the panel: review requirement

3A.—(1) In section 2(3)(b) of the 2011 Act (functions of the panel) after “Assembly,” insert “including but not limited to, any reduction in Members’ legislative competence as a result of the application of the provisions of EU law listed in Annexes 1 to 5 of the Windsor Framework (formerly the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland)”

Mr Timothy Gaston

Amendment 6 [Made]

Clause 4, Page 2

Leave out lines 39 to 41 and insert -

‘(9) Subject to the preceding provisions of this section, a temporary appointment is to be treated for all purposes (including, for example, for the purposes of section 5) as if it were an appointment under section 4(1).’

Mr Colin McGrath, on behalf of the Assembly Commission

Ms Sinéad Ennis

Mr Trevor Clarke

Miss Nuala McAllister

Mr Andy Allen

Amendment 7 [Made]

Clause 4, Page 2, Line 41

At end insert -

‘(10) But an order under subsection (7) may disapply or modify a provision of this Act (other than section 4(4)) in its application to a temporary appointment.’

Mr Colin McGrath, on behalf of the Assembly Commission

Ms Sinéad Ennis

Mr Trevor Clarke

Miss Nuala McAllister

Mr Andy Allen

Amendment 8 [Negatived]

Leave out clause 5 and insert -

‘Membership

5A.—(1) In section 4 of the 2011 Act (appointments to the Panel) at the end add—

“(4) At any one time, not less than two thirds of the membership of the Board shall be current Trade Union representatives.”.

(2) In this section—

“Trade Union” has the meaning given in section 1 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.’

Mr Gerry Carroll

Clause 5 [Question that Clause 5, stand part agreed without Division]

The Members listed below give notice of their intention to oppose the question that clause 5 stand part of the Bill.

*Mr Timothy Gaston
Mr Gerry Carroll*

Amendment 9 [Made]

Clause 7, Page 3, Line 34

Before ‘Remuneration’ insert ‘Independent’

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Amendment 10 [Made]

Clause 7, Page 3, Line 39

After ‘The’ insert ‘Independent’

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Amendment 11 [Negatived]

New Clause

After clause 7 insert -

‘Consultation

Duty to consult

7A.—(1) The Assembly Commission shall not introduce a Bill making provision for the salaries, pensions or gratuities payable to members and former members of the Assembly unless it has taken the steps in subsections (2) to (4).

(2) The Assembly Commission shall consult—

- (a) members of the Assembly,
- (b) the trustees of any pension scheme established in accordance with a previous determination and still in operation,
- (c) the public, and
- (d) any other persons the Assembly Commission considers it is appropriate to consult.

(3) The Assembly Commission must lay before the Assembly a report of any consultation conducted under subsection (2).

(4) The members of the Assembly Commission in charge of a Bill falling within subsection (1) shall, when submitting the text of the Bill to the Presiding Officer of the Assembly in accordance with Assembly standing orders, also submit a statement in writing to confirm that a consultation has taken place on the Bill in accordance with this section.

(5) The minimum duration of any consultation required by virtue of this section shall be 12 weeks.

(6) This section does not apply where—

- (a) the Assembly Commission proposes to introduce a Bill as a matter of such urgency that it would be inappropriate in the circumstances to conduct a consultation before submitting the Bill for introduction; and
- (b) the Assembly has passed with cross-community support a resolution signifying its agreement to the disapplication of this section in respect of the Bill.’

Mr Timothy Gaston

Amendment 12 [Made]

Clause 8, Page 4, Line 21

After the second ‘the’ insert ‘Independent’

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Amendment 13 [Negatived]

Leave out clause 10 and insert -

‘Commencement

10.—(1) Sections 1, 2 and 7 to 11 come into operation on the day after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

(2) Sections 3 to 6 come into operation on the date on which—

- (a) every provision of European Union law which—
 - (i) is listed in Annexes 1 to 5 of the Windsor Framework (formerly the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland), and
 - (ii) deals with a transferred matter within the meaning of section 4(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, has ceased to apply in respect of Northern Ireland; and
- (b) the Northern Ireland Assembly has been granted the power to make laws, in accordance with section 5 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, dealing with the subject matter of any provision of European Union law falling within the description specified in paragraph (a).’

Mr Timothy Gaston

Clause 10 [Question that Clause 10, stand part agreed without Division]

The Member listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that clause 10 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Timothy Gaston

Amendment 14 [Made]

Clause 11, Page 4, Line 33

Before ‘Remuneration’ insert ‘Independent’

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