

Election Law Agenda Wales: Elections and Elected Bodies Bill

- **Digital Issues:**
 - Establish “Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru” (“The Commission”) to co-ordinate work of Electoral Commission and Electoral Returning Officers
 - Board creates Register of Political Advertising (“the Advertising Register”)
 - Registered political parties and candidates are required to deposit copies of advertisements for the Advertising Register
 - Establish Advertising Review Panel (“ARP”) as piloted by Reform Political Advertising <https://reformpoliticaladvertising.org/earp-here-to-run-the-bus-out-of-town/>
 - Formulate procedure relating to use of third party political advertising drawing on international precedents
 - Regulate the ability of campaigns to target voters based on individualised personal data
- **Money in Politics:**
 - Institute per annum spending limits to address permanent campaigning
 - “Real time” reporting to Electoral Commission of political donations and removal of lower limits on donations for reporting
 - Establish “per seat” cap on spending to address blurring of “local” and “national” spend
 - Regulate all donations by reducing permissibility check requirements from £500 to 1p for all non-cash donations and £500 to £20 for cash donations.
 - Increase transparency and regulation of local candidate financial reports by shifting oversight to the Electoral Commission.
 - Include market-based costs of data sets in spending regulations.
 - Require corporate donations to come from profits reported in the UK.
 - Require proof of funds source to be provided for individual donations, applying principles established for money laundering.
- **Accountability:**
 - Introduce Third Party Political Organisations and political parties “Exit” audits after an election period.
 - Introduce powers to inspect and audit organisations and platforms disseminating political literature and advertising
- **Strengthening our democracy**
 - Introduce Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) to ensure that every eligible citizen is on the UK’s electoral register (an estimated 9 million are not currently).
 - Introduce Overseas Constituencies for eligible British Citizens living abroad - the expansion of the franchise beyond the current 15 year limit means many more overseas citizens will vote next time. They should be properly represented by dedicated MSs.
 - Residence based voting rights for local elections - council tax payers should get the vote.