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Require the holding of a referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen'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 Holding of a referendum

- (1) A referendum shall be held throughout the United Kingdom and Gibraltar on the day specified by an order made by a Minister of the Crown.
- (2) The question to be asked in the referendum is —
“Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union?”. 5
- (3) A Minister of the Crown may by order make provision in relation to the referendum which—
- (a) determines the referendum period for the purposes of Part 7 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000; 10
 - (b) requires ballot papers to be used by voters in Wales, after having set out the question and the possible answers in English, to set them out again, with equal prominence, in Welsh;
 - (c) makes provision in relation to the conduct of the referendum, entitlement to vote in the referendum and legal challenge to the referendum result. 15
- (4) Every power of a Minister of the Crown to make an order under this section shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (5) An order under this section may be made only if a draft of the order has been —
- (a) laid before Parliament; and 20
 - (b) approved by a resolution of each House.

2 Expenses

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament —

- (a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, and*
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*

3 Short title and extent

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- (1) This Act may be cited as the European Union Membership (Referendum) Act 2010.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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