

# **Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Explanatory notes to the Bill, prepared by the Northern Ireland Office, are published separately as —EN.

## EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris has made the following statement under section 19(1)(a) of the Human Rights Act 1998:

In my view the provisions of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill are compatible with the Convention rights.



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**B**E 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 Extension of period for making Ministerial appointments**

In section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2022, for “18 January 2024” substitute “8 February 2024”.

**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 Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Act 2024.

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*Presented by Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris  
supported by the Prime Minister,  
Secretary Oliver Dowden, Secretary Michael Gove,  
Secretary Alister Jack, Secretary David T C Davies  
and Mr Steve Baker.*

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