

Bailiffs (Warrants of Possession) 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 Granting of warrant of possession appointing bailiff: time limit

Where an application is made to a court for a warrant of possession appointing a bailiff, the court must decide on that application within four weeks.

2 Alternative methods of executing warrants of possession

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations provide that a warrant of possession may be executed by — 5
 - (a) a county court bailiff,
 - (b) a High Court enforcement officer,
 - (c) a family court bailiff,
 - (d) a person or body approved by the Lord Chancellor under section 125B of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 for the execution of warrants, 10
 - (e) a person holding a certificate to act as an enforcement agent issued under section 64 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007,
 - (f) such other persons as appear to the Secretary of State to be appropriate.
- (2) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument. 15
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a draft of a statutory instrument containing regulations under this section within one month of the passing of this Act. 20

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Bailiffs (Warrants of Possession) Act 2025.

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Presented by Sir Christopher Chope

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