

DRAFT REFERENDUM BILL TIMETABLE

Assumptions

- General Election on 1 May ✓
- Referendum in September 1997 ✓

Labour win with a good working majority

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L Committee agree to Act coming into force immediately on receiving Royal Assent.

April (once election is called)

x Secure ^{official level} agreement on handling and content of legislation

Drafting of Bill and secondary legislation starts. Bill will be very short (5 clauses?)
Secondary legislation is likely to be an Order of Council/SI.

Ongoing discussions with Cabinet Office, Home Office and Welsh Office in particular.

	<i>first version.</i>	W/C 5 May 1997	First draft of bill available. <u>Seek clearance of main policy issues with Scottish Office Ministers.</u>	<u>part of Devolution package</u>
		W/C 12 May	Seek agreement of Cabinet Colleagues (at full Cabinet level?) + LG Committee	
June		W/C 14 May 1997	Queen's Speech. <i>day after</i>	<i>Selfly timetable</i>
		W/C 9 June 1997	First Reading - House of Commons.	
		W/C 16 June 1997	Second Reading.	
		W/C 23 June 1997	Committee	
		W/C 30 June 1997	Report Stage and Third Reading.	
		W/C 7 July 1997	First Reading, Second Reading, Committee - House of Lords.	

W/C 13 July 1997	Report and Third Reading. CCLA - (Commons)
W/C 20 July 1997	Royal Assent
W/C 20 July 1997	Referendum Order laid before both Houses and approved.

September

Referendum.



timetable
for
charges order
anything which needs
Parliamentary approval