

Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill

Statements on legislative competence

As required under Rule 9.3.1 and 1A of the Parliament's Standing Orders, these statements on legislative competence are published to accompany the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill, introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 9 September 2026. The following other accompanying documents are published separately:

- a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 1–FM);
 - Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 1–EN);
 - a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 1–PM);
 - a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 1–DPM).
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Presiding Officer's statement on legislative competence

On 3 September 2026, the Presiding Officer (Kenneth Gibson MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

Scottish Government statement on legislative competence

On 9 September 2026, the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Jenny Gilruth MSP) made the following statement:

“In my view, the provisions of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Commonwealth Citizens) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.”

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