

# Labour bids to reform parliament

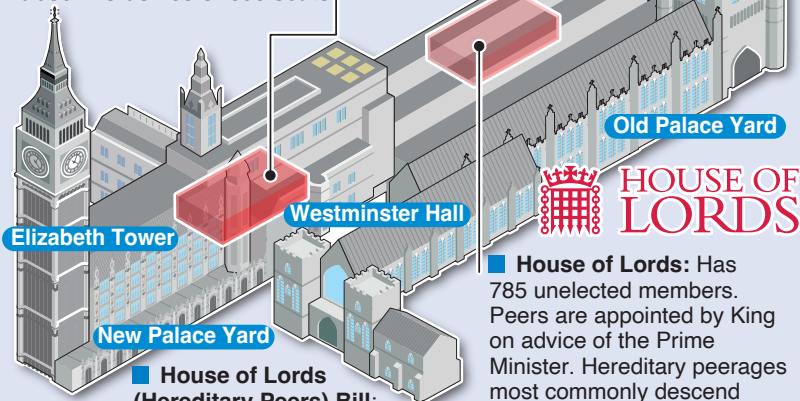
Britain's Labour government has approved its House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill to strip hereditary aristocrats of the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords after more than 700 years



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

■ **House of Commons:** Members (MPs) are directly elected by voters in 650 UK constituencies.

**Labour holds 403 of 650 seats**



**Victoria Tower**

**Old Palace Yard**

**Elizabeth Tower**

**Westminster Hall**

**New Palace Yard**

## ■ **House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill:**

There are 92 serving hereditary peers. Under bill they will not lose their titles, but lose their rights to sit in House of Lords. At end of Parliament in which hereditary peer reaches 80 years of age, they will be required to retire from chamber

■ **House of Lords:** Has 785 unelected members. Peers are appointed by King on advice of the Prime Minister. Hereditary peerages most commonly descend down the male line of succession

■ **Labour is committed to replacing House of Lords with alternative second chamber**

## HOUSE OF LORDS