



# Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020

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### **PART 1**

#### OVERVIEW

- 1 Overview of this Act

### **PART 2**

#### RENAMING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES ETC.

- 2 National Assembly for Wales renamed Senedd Cymru or Welsh Parliament
- 3 Acts of the National Assembly for Wales renamed Acts of Senedd Cymru
- 4 Members to be known as Members of the Senedd
- 5 Clerk of the Assembly renamed Clerk of the Senedd
- 6 National Assembly for Wales Commission renamed Senedd Commission
- 7 National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards renamed Senedd Commissioner for Standards
- 8 National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board renamed the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd
- 9 Minor and consequential amendments

### **PART 3**

#### ELECTIONS

##### *Extension of right to vote*

- 10 Extension of right to vote in Senedd elections to 16 and 17 year old persons
- 11 Extension of right to vote in Senedd elections to qualifying foreign citizens

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### *Electoral registration*

- 12 Entitlement to be registered as a local government elector
- 13 Annual canvass
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- 24 Protection of information about persons aged under 16
- 25 Exceptions from prohibition on disclosure
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- 27 Amendments to the National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2007

### *Oversight of administration of elections*

- 28 Financial and oversight arrangements of the Electoral Commission

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- 30 Exceptions and relief from disqualification
- 31 Exception from disqualification by virtue of being a Member of Parliament: changes to dates of general elections of Members of the Senedd
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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 36 Timing of first meeting of the Senedd after a general election
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- 38 Report on extension of right to vote and change to qualification for membership of the Senedd

## **PART 6**

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- 40 Regulations under this Act
- 41 General interpretation

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- 42 Coming into force
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## SCHEDULE 1 — MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PART 2

### *Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)*

- 1 Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information...

### *Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32)*

- 2 (1) The 2006 Act is amended as follows.

### *National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009 (nawm 4)*

- 3 (1) The National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure...

### *National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4)*

- 4 (1) The National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 is...

### *Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 (anaw 4)*

- 5 (1) The Legislation (Wales) Act 2019 is amended as follows....

## SCHEDULE 2 — ELECTORAL COMMISSION: FURTHER AMENDMENTS

### *Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2)*

- 1 (1) Schedule 4A to the 1983 Act is amended as...

### *Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41)*

- 2 The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 is amended...
- 3 (1) Section 6 is amended as follows.
- 4 After section 6 insert— Reviews of devolved electoral matters in...
- 5 In section 6C(3), after “6F” insert “ or 6G ”....
- 6 In section 6D(4), after “6F” insert “ or 6G ”....
- 7 (1) Section 6F is amended as follows.
- 8 After section 6F insert— Code of practice on attendance of...
- 9 (1) Section 9A is amended as follows.
- 10 After section 9A insert— Performance standards for devolved elections and...
- 11 In section 9B, in subsections (1) and (4), after “9A(1)”...
- 12 In section 9C(2)— (a) in paragraph (b), after “9A(6)” insert...
- 13 In section 13(12), after “met under” insert “ paragraph 16A...
- 14 (1) Schedule 1 is amended as follows.

## SCHEDULE 3 — NEW SCHEDULE 1A TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WALES ACT 2006

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