



# Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020

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## PART 3

### ELECTIONS

#### *Electoral registration*

#### **20 Service declarations**

- (1) The 1983 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 14 (service qualification), after subsection (1) insert—
  - “(1A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, a person also has a service qualification for the purposes of this Act if—
    - (a) the person is under the age of 18,
    - (b) a parent or guardian of the person has a service qualification under any of paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (1), and
    - (c) the person is residing at a particular place in order to be with that parent or guardian.”
- (3) In section 15 (service declaration)—
  - (a) after subsection (3) insert—
    - “(3A) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, a service declaration made by a person by virtue of a service qualification under section 14(1A) ceases to have effect when the person attains the age of 18.
    - (3B) Without prejudice to subsection (2), a person registered in a register of local government electors in Wales in pursuance of a service declaration referred to in subsection (3A) ceases to be entitled to remain so registered when the person attains the age of 18.

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- (3C) Where a person's entitlement to remain registered ceases under subsection (3B), the registration officer must remove the person's entry from the register.”;
- (b) after subsection (5) insert—
- “(5A) Despite anything in subsection (5), in relation to Wales, a relevant service declaration made by a person has effect only for the purposes of the person's registration as a local government elector.
- (5B) In subsection (5A), “relevant service declaration” means—
- (a) a service declaration made by virtue of a service qualification under section 14(1A);
  - (b) a service declaration made by a qualifying foreign citizen;
  - (c) any other service declaration made by a person who, on the date on which the declaration is made, is—
    - (i) under the age of 17, and
    - (ii) not entitled to be registered in the register of parliamentary electors.
- (5C) A relevant service declaration referred to in subsection (5A) must be marked to show that it is available only for the purposes of registration as a local government elector, but otherwise is to be the same as other service declarations.”
- (4) In section 16 (contents of service declaration)—
- (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1);
  - (b) in that subsection, in paragraph (e), after “Union” insert “ or (if the declaration is made for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen ”;
  - (c) after that subsection insert—
 

“(2) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, a service declaration made by a person claiming to have a service qualification under section 14(1A) does not require to be attested.”
- (5) In section 17 (effect of service declaration)—
- (a) in subsection (1)(c), after “Union” insert “ or (if the declaration is made for the purposes only of the registration of local government electors in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen ”;
  - (b) after subsection (2) insert—
 

“(3) In relation to the registration of local government electors in Wales, subsection (2) is subject to section 15(3A).”

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