



Government of Wales Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

[^{F1}SENEDD CYMRU]

Remuneration, oaths etc.

20 Remuneration of [^{F1}Members of the Senedd]

- (1) [^{F2}Provision must be made] for the payment of salaries to [^{F1}Members of the Senedd].
 - (2) [^{F3}Provision may be made] for the payment of allowances to [^{F1}Members of the Senedd].
 - (3) [^{F4}Provision may be made] for the payment of pensions, gratuities or allowances to, or in respect of, any person who—
 - (a) has ceased to be [^{F5}a Member of the Senedd], or
 - (b) has ceased to hold office as the Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officer, or such other office in connection with the [^{F6}Senedd] as the [^{F6}Senedd] may determine, but continues to be [^{F5}a Member of the Senedd].
 - (4) Such provision may, in particular, include provision for—
 - (a) contributions or payments towards provision for such pensions, gratuities or allowances, and
 - (b) the establishment and administration (whether by the [^{F6}Senedd] Commission or otherwise) of one or more pension schemes.
 - (5) Sums required for the making of payments by virtue of provision under subsection (1) or (3) to or in respect of a person who holds or has held the office of Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officer are to be charged on the Welsh Consolidated Fund.
- [^{F7}(6) Provision under this section is to be made by determination made by the Board.]
- [^{F8}(7) The [^{F6}Senedd] Commission must give effect to any determination made by the Board under this section.

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(8) In this section (and in sections 22, 24, 53 and 54) “ the Board ” means the [F9Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd] established by section 1 of the National [F6Senedd] for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4 —).]

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(17\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F2 Words in s. 20(1) substituted (24.9.2010) by National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 1 (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F3 Words in s. 20(2) substituted (24.9.2010) by National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 2 (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F4 Words in s. 20(3) substituted (24.9.2010) by National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 3 (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F5 Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(15\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F6 Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(19\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)-\(14\)](#))
- F7 S. 20(6) substituted (24.9.2010) by National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 4 (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F8 S. 20(7)(8) inserted (24.9.2010) by National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), Sch. 3 para. 5 (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F9 Words in s. 20(8) substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(4\)](#)

Commencement Information

- II Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

21 Limit on salaries of [F1Members of the Senedd]

- (1) The [F6Senedd] must make provision to ensure that the amount of the salary payable to [F5a Member of the Senedd] in accordance with section 20 is reduced if a salary is payable to the [F10Member of the Senedd] —
 - [F11(z)] under section 4 of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (salaries of members of the House of Commons), [F12or]
 - (a) pursuant to a resolution (or combination of resolutions) of [F13the House of Lords] relating to the remuneration of members of that House, F14...
 - F14(b)
- (2) The provision made must ensure that the amount of salary is reduced—

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- (a) to a particular proportion of what it otherwise would be or to a particular amount, or
 - (b) by the amount of any salary payable to the ^{F10}Member of the Senedd] as mentioned in subsection ^{F15}(1)(za) or (a)], by a particular proportion of that amount or by some other particular amount.
- (3) Provision may be made under this section by—
- (a) the standing orders, or
 - (b) resolutions of the ^{F6}Senedd],
- and may include provision conferring functions on the ^{F6}Senedd] Commission.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(17\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F5** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(15\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F6** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(19\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)-\(14\)](#))
- F10** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(16) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F11** S. 21(1)(za) inserted (24.5.2011) by [Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 52, [Sch. 5 para. 12\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2011/1274, art. 2(b)
- F12** Word in s. 21(1)(za) inserted (31.12.2020) by [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 25(4), [Sch. 3 para. 32\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 19, [Sch. 8 para. 37](#)); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)
- F13** Words in s. 21(1)(a) substituted (24.5.2011) by [Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 52, [Sch. 5 para. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2011/1274, art. 2(b)
- F14** S. 21(1)(b) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 25(4), [Sch. 3 para. 32\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 19, [Sch. 8 para. 37](#)); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with regs. 10, 22)
- F15** Words in s. 21(2)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 25(4), [Sch. 3 para. 32\(3\)](#) (with s. 19, [Sch. 8 para. 37](#)); S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3(l) (with reg. 10)

Commencement Information

- I2** Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

22 Remuneration: supplementary

- (1) Different provision may be made under section 20 or 21 for different cases.
- (2) ^{F16}The ^{F6}Senedd] Commission] must ensure that information concerning—
 - (a) the amounts paid to each ^{F10}Member of the Senedd] as salary and allowances, and
 - (b) the total amount paid to ^{F1}Members of the Senedd] as salaries and allowances, is published for each financial year ^{F17}. . . .
- ^{F18}(3) The ^{F6}Senedd] Commission must lay before the ^{F6}Senedd] every determination made by the Board under section 20(6) as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is made.]
- (4) For the purposes of sections 20 and 21 a person who—
 - (a) ceases to be ^{F5}a Member of the Senedd] when the ^{F6}Senedd] is dissolved, but

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- (b) is nominated as a candidate at the subsequent general election, is to be treated as [F5a Member of the Senedd] until the end of the day on which the poll at the election is held.
- (5) Where a person—
- ceases to be [F5a Member of the Senedd] when the [F6Senedd] is dissolved, but
 - continues to hold office as Presiding Officer or as a member of the [F6Senedd] Commission by virtue of paragraph 1(1) or (2) of Schedule 2,
- the fact that the person is no longer [F5a Member of the Senedd] does not affect any entitlement under sections 20 and 21 in respect of the holding of office as Presiding Officer or as a member of the [F6Senedd] Commission (or both) until the end of the day on which the person ceases to hold it.
- (6) Provision made under section 20(3) does not affect pensions or allowances in payment before the provision was made.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(17\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F5** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(15\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F6** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(19\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)-\(14\)](#))
- F10** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(16\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F16** Words in s. 22(2) substituted (24.9.2010) by National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), [Sch. 3 para. 6](#) (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F17** Words in s. 22(2) omitted (24.9.2010) by virtue of National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), [Sch. 3 para. 6](#) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F18** S. 22(3) substituted (24.9.2010) by National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), [Sch. 3 para. 7](#) (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)

Commencement Information

- I3** Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

23 Oath or affirmation of allegiance

- [F5A Member of the Senedd] must take the oath of allegiance in the form set out in section 2 of the Promissory Oaths Act 1868 (c. 72) (or make the corresponding affirmation) as soon as is reasonably practicable after being returned as [F5a Member of the Senedd] (whether for the first time or subsequently).
- The standing orders must specify the person before whom the oath is to be taken (or the affirmation made).

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- (3) Subsection (1) does not require [F5a Member of the Senedd] to take the oath of allegiance (or make the corresponding affirmation) again if it has been taken (or made) by the [F10 Member of the Senedd] in compliance with section 55(2) since being returned (or last returned).
- (4) Until [F5a Member of the Senedd] has taken the oath (or made the affirmation) the [F10 Member of the Senedd] must not do anything as [F5a Member of the Senedd], other than—
- (a) take part in proceedings of the [F6 Senedd] at which [F1 Members of the Senedd] take the oath or make the affirmation, or
 - (b) take part in any earlier proceedings for the election of the Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officer.
- (5) If [F5a Member of the Senedd] has not taken the oath (or made the affirmation) within—
- (a) the period of two months beginning with the day on which the [F10 Member of the Senedd] was declared to be returned, or
 - (b) such longer period as the [F6 Senedd] may have allowed before the end of that period of two months,
- at the end of that period of two months or longer period the [F10 Member of the Senedd] ceases to be [F5a Member of the Senedd] (so that the [F19 Member's] seat is vacant).
- (6) Until [F5a Member of the Senedd] has taken the oath (or made the affirmation), no salary, allowance, gratuity or payment towards the provision of a pension, allowance or gratuity is to be paid under this Act to or in respect of the [F10 Member of the Senedd].
- (7) But subsection (6) does not affect any entitlement to payments in respect of the period before the [F10 Member of the Senedd] took the oath (or made the affirmation) once the [F10 Member of the Senedd] has done so.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by *Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1)*, s. 42(2), **Sch. 1 para. 2(17)** (with *Sch. 1 para. 2(11)(12)(14)*)
- F5** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by *Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1)*, s. 42(2), **Sch. 1 para. 2(15)** (with *Sch. 1 para. 2(11)(12)(14)*)
- F6** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by *Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1)*, s. 42(2), **Sch. 1 para. 2(19)** (with *Sch. 1 para. 2(11)-(14)*)
- F10** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by *Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1)*, s. 42(2), *Sch. 1 para. 2(16)* (with *Sch. 1 para. 2(11)(12)(14)*)
- F19** Word in s. 23(5) substituted (6.5.2020) by *Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1)*, s. 42(2), **Sch. 1 para. 2(5)**

Commencement Information

- I4** Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

24 Assistance to groups of [F1 Members of the Senedd]

- (1) The [F6 Senedd] Commission must make to (or in respect of) political groups to which [F1 Members of the Senedd] belong such payments [F20 as the Board from time to time

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determines] for the purpose of assisting [^{F1}Members of the Senedd] who belong to those political groups to perform their functions as [^{F1}Members of the Senedd].

- (2) A determination under subsection (1) may make provision—
- (a) for calculating the amount of any payment to (or in respect of) a political group,
 - (b) for the conditions subject to which payments to (or in respect of) a political group are to be made, and
 - (c) for claims for such payments to be made to the [^{F6}Senedd] Commission.
- (3) A determination under subsection (1) may make different provision for different political groups.
- (4) ^{F21}.....
- (5) The standing orders must include provision for determining for the purposes of this Act whether any [^{F10}Member of the Senedd] belongs to a political group and, if so, to which; and (in particular)—
- (a) may include provision for treating [^{F5}a Member of the Senedd] as not belonging to a political group unless a specified number of [^{F1}Members of the Senedd] belong to it, and
 - (b) must include provision requiring the Presiding Officer to decide any questions arising under the provision included by virtue of this subsection.
- [^{F22}(6) The [^{F6}Senedd] Commission must lay before the [^{F6}Senedd] every determination made by the Board under section 24(1) as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is made.]
- [^{F23}(7) The [^{F6}Senedd] Commission must ensure that information concerning the sums paid under this section is published for each financial year.]

Textual Amendments

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- F20** Words in s. 24(1) substituted (24.9.2010) by virtue of *National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010* (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), **Sch. 3 para. 8** (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F21** S. 24(4) omitted (24.9.2010) by virtue of *National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010* (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), **Sch. 3 para. 9** (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)
- F22** S. 24(6) substituted (24.9.2010) by *National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010* (nawm 4), ss. 16, 20(3)(4), **Sch. 3 para. 10** (with s. 19) (the amending provision coming into force the day after notice under s. 20(3)(4) of the amending Measure was laid before the Assembly on 23.9.2010)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 155A inserted by [2014 c. 29 s. 10](#)
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 92 omitted by [2017 c. 4 s. 48\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 93 words omitted by [2017 c. 4 s. 48\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 10(2)(o) inserted by [2022 c. 30 s. 143](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) repealed by [2023 c. 54 Sch. 11 para. 1\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) word omitted by [2023 c. 54 s. 118\(c\)](#)