

# Coronavirus Act 2020

## **2020 CHAPTER 7**

#### PART 1

#### MAIN PROVISIONS

Postponement of elections, referendums, recall petitions and canvass

### Power to make supplementary etc provision

- (1) The Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office may, by regulations made by statutory instrument, make consequential, supplementary, incidental, transitional or saving provision in connection with sections 60 to 62 or regulations made under them.
- (2) Regulations under subsection (1) may, in particular, make provision about—
  - (a) acts or omissions in connection with an election, referendum or recall petition prior to its postponement (including provision disapplying any enactment imposing criminal liability in respect of such acts or omissions);
  - (b) things that have yet to be done in connection with an election, referendum or recall petition prior to its postponement;
  - (c) the conduct of elections, referendums or recall petitions that have been postponed or steps to be taken in respect of such elections, referendums or recall petitions;
  - (d) the manner of voting in elections or referendums, or of signing of recall petitions, that have been postponed;
  - (e) the terms of office of incumbent office-holders or those elected at a postponed election;
  - (f) the nomination of candidates;
  - (g) expenses incurred in relation to elections or referendums by persons other than local authorities (including the expenses of candidates);
  - (h) compensation for local authorities or candidates incurring additional expenditure as a result of this Act;

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- (i) the membership or governance arrangements of a local authority in relation to which an order has been made under section 7 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (implementation of structural changes proposals), the membership or governance arrangements of any shadow authority established under such an order, or any other matter dealt with in such an order.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) may make retrospective provision, including provision having effect in relation to times before the coming into force of this Act.
- (4) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) is capable of being exercised so as to amend, repeal or revoke any enactment.
  - In this subsection "enactment" has the same meaning as in section 92.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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