



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART I

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND

##### *Parishes*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>12B Groups of parishes: alternative styles**

- (1) This section applies to a group of parishes.
- (2) The common parish council of the group may resolve that each of the grouped parishes shall have the same alternative style.
- (3) If each of the grouped parishes has an alternative style, the common parish council of the group may resolve that each of the grouped parishes shall cease to have that style.
- (4) A single resolution may provide for each of the grouped parishes—
  - (a) to cease to have an alternative style, and
  - (b) to have the same one of the other alternative styles instead.
- (5) If the common parish council passes a resolution under this section for each of the grouped parishes to have an alternative style, the group of parishes shall have the appropriate one of the following styles—
  - (a) “group of communities”;
  - (b) “group of neighbourhoods”;
  - (c) “group of villages”.
- (6) As soon as practicable after passing a resolution under this section, the common parish council of a group must give notice of the change of style to all of the following—
  - (a) the Secretary of State;
  - (b) the [<sup>F2</sup>Local Government Boundary Commission for England];
  - (c) the Office of National Statistics;
  - (d) the Director General of the Ordnance Survey;

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- (e) any district council, county council or London borough council within whose area the group lies.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 12A, 12B inserted (13.2.2008) by Local Government and Public Involvement in [Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), [ss. 75\(3\)](#), [245\(5\)](#); S.I. 2008/337, [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 12B(6)(b) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), [ss. 67\(1\)](#), [148\(3\)](#), [Sch. 4 para. 3](#); S.I. 2009/3318, [art. 4\(ff\)](#)

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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. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)