



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART IV

#### CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### 78 Supplementary.

(1) In this Part of this Act—

[<sup>F1</sup>“electoral arrangements” means—

(a) in relation to a principal area, the number of councillors of the council for that area, the number and boundaries of the electoral areas into which that area is for the time being divided for the purpose of the election of councillors, the number of councillors to be elected for any electoral area in that principal area and the name of any electoral area;

(b) in relation to a parish or community council or a common parish or community council, the number of councillors, the question whether the parish or community or any parish or community, as the case may be, should or should not be or continue to be divided into wards for the purpose of the election of councillors, the number and boundaries of any such wards, the number of councillors to be elected for any such ward or in the case of a common parish or community council for each parish or community and the name of any such ward;

(c) [<sup>F2</sup>.....]

“local government area” includes the City, the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple;

[<sup>F3</sup>.....]

“substantive change” has the meaning assigned to it by [<sup>F4</sup>section 54(1)(e)] above.

[<sup>F5</sup>(2) In considering the electoral arrangements for local government areas for the purposes of this Part of this Act, the Secretary of State, [<sup>F6</sup>the Welsh Commission] and every

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[<sup>F7</sup>Welsh principal council and] district council shall so far as is reasonably practicable comply with the rules set out [<sup>F8</sup>in Schedule 11 to this Act].]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 78(1) repealed (W.) (30.9.2013) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 75(2)(d), [Sch. 2](#)
- F2** S. 78(1): para. (c) in definition of "electoral arrangements" (which was inserted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\)](#), s. 19(5)(6), [Sch. 9 Pt. II para. 2\(6\)](#)) repealed by [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), [Sch. 13 Pt. I](#)
- F3** S. 78(1): definition of "public body" repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1](#), and expressed to be repealed (24.11.2005) by [Licensing Act 2003 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 198, 201(2), [Sch. 6 para. 57](#), [Sch. 7 \(with ss. 2\(3\), 15\(2\), 195\)](#); S.I. 2005/3056, art. 2(2) (with art. 4)
- F4** Words in the definition of "substantive change" in s. 78(1) substituted (31.10.1992) by [Local Government Act 1992 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 27(1), [Sch. 3 para. 18\(1\)](#); S.I. 1992/2371, [art. 2](#)
- F5** S. 78(2) repealed (W.) (30.9.2013) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 75(2)(d), [Sch. 2](#)
- F6** Words in s. 78(2) substituted (31.10.1992) by [Local Government Act 1992 \(c. 19\)](#), s. 27(1), [Sch. 3 para. 18\(2\)](#); S.I. 1992/2371, [art. 2](#)
- F7** Words in s. 78(2) inserted (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 19](#), s. 66(5), [Sch. 15 para. 22 \(with ss. 54\(5\)\(7\), 55\(5\), Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)\)](#); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, [Sch. 2](#)
- F8** Words substituted by virtue of [Education Reform Act 1988 \(c. 40, SIF 41:1\)](#), ss. 231(7), 235(6), 237(2), [Sch. 12 Pt. II para. 42](#)

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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](#)