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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 6

Section 28.

#### RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN CONSIDERING ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies to the consideration by the Secretary of State or [<sup>F1</sup>Boundaries Scotland] of the electoral arrangements for election of councillors of local government areas.
- (2) Having regard to any change in the number or distribution of electors of a local government area likely to take place within the period of five years immediately following the consideration [<sup>F2</sup>, the number [<sup>F3</sup>calculated by dividing the number of local government electors in each electoral ward of that local government area by the number of councillors to be returned in that ward shall be, as nearly as may be, the same.]]
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) above, in considering the electoral arrangements referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above regard shall be had to—
- (a) the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable;
  - (b) any local ties which would be broken by the fixing of any particular boundary.
- [<sup>F4</sup>but if, in any case, there is a conflict between those criteria, greater weight shall be given to the latter.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 6 para. 1(1) substituted (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\), s. 35, sch. paras. 1\(2\)\(I\)](#); S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.
- F2** Words in Sch. 6 para. 1(2) substituted for Sch. 6 para. 1(2)(a)-(c) (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(1), [Sch. 13 para. 92\(68\)](#); S.I. 1996/323, [art. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(c\)](#)
- F3** Words in Sch. 6 para. 1(2) substituted (2.5.2007) by [Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(asp 9\), ss. 4\(5\)\(g\), 17\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2007/25, [art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F4** Words in Sch. 6 para. 1(3) inserted (2.5.2007) by [Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(asp 9\), ss. 4\(5\)\(h\), 17\(2\)](#); S.S.I. 2007/25, [art. 2\(2\)](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 6 para. 1(2): power to transfer or modify functions conferred (30.11.2000 for certain purposes only, otherwise *prosp.*) by 2000 c. 41, [ss. 19\(3\), 163\(2\)\(3\)](#)

- 2 The strict application of the rule stated in paragraph 1(2) <sup>F5</sup>. . . above may be departed from in any area where special geographical considerations appear to render a departure desirable.

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F5** Word in [Sch. 6 para. 2](#) repealed (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 39, s. 180(2), [Sch. 14](#); S.I. 1996/323, [art. 4\(1\)\(b\)\(d\)](#)

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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):

- Sch. 7 para. 7(3) inserted by [1989 c. 42 Sch. 11 para. 36](#)