

*These notes relate to the Scottish Elections (Dates) Act 2016
(asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 30 March 2016*

SCOTTISH ELECTIONS (DATES) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Year of local government elections

6. **Section 2** of the Act amends section 5 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 so that the Scottish local government ordinary elections which are scheduled to take place in 2021 will instead be scheduled to take place in 2022. It also provides that ordinary elections for Scottish local government will be held every fourth year after the 2022 election.
7. Section 43 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 provides that ordinary Scottish local government elections are held on the first Thursday in May in an election year which means that the 2022 elections will be scheduled to take place on 5 May 2022.