

SENEDD AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2020

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Section 38 – Report on extension of right to vote and change to qualification for membership of the Senedd

128. **Section 38** requires the Welsh Ministers to prepare, publish and lay before the Senedd a report on the operation of the provisions in the Act that:
- extend the right to vote in Senedd elections to persons who are aged 16 or 17;
 - extend the right to vote in Senedd elections to persons who are qualifying foreign citizens;
 - allow qualifying foreign citizens to be Members of the Senedd, and
 - disqualify members of county and county borough councils in Wales from being Members of the Senedd.
129. The report must be prepared and published within six months of the end of the reporting period.
130. The reporting period is the period of five years from the day of the next Senedd general election which takes place on or after 5 April 2021. The next Senedd general election is currently scheduled for May 2021.