



# Water Resources Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 57

### PART I

#### PRELIMINARY

### CHAPTER II

#### COMMITTEES WITH FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO THE AUTHORITY

##### *Flood defence committees*

#### **10 Composition of regional flood defence committees**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, a regional flood defence committee shall consist of the following, none of whom shall be a member of the Authority, that is to say—
  - (a) a chairman and a number of other members appointed by the relevant Minister;
  - (b) two members appointed by the Authority;
  - (c) a number of members appointed by or on behalf of the constituent councils.
- (2) Subject to section 11 below and to any order under Schedule 3 to this Act amalgamating the areas of any two or more regional flood defence committees—
  - (a) the total number of members of the regional flood defence committee for any area shall be the same as immediately before the coming into force of this section; and
  - (b) the number of members to be appointed to a regional flood defence committee for any area by or on behalf of each of the constituent councils or, as the case may be, jointly by or on behalf of more than one of them shall be the same number as fell to be so appointed immediately before the coming into force of this section.
- (3) Where—

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- (a) the appointment of one or more members of a regional flood defence committee is (by virtue of subsection (2) above or an order under section 11(5) below), to be made jointly by more than one constituent council; and
  - (b) the councils by whom that appointment is to be made are unable to agree on an appointment,
- the member or members in question shall be appointed by the relevant Minister on behalf of those councils.
- (4) In appointing a person to be the chairman or a member of a regional flood defence committee under subsection (1)(a) or (c) or (3) above the relevant Minister or, as the case may be, a constituent council shall have regard to the desirability of appointing a person who has experience of, and has shown capacity in, some matter relevant to the functions of the committee.
  - (5) The councils of every county, metropolitan district or London borough any part of which is in the area of a regional flood defence committee shall be the constituent councils for the regional flood defence committee for that area, and the Common Council of the City of London shall be a constituent council for the regional flood defence committee for any area which comprises any part of the City.
  - (6) In this section “the relevant Minister”—
    - (a) in relation to the regional flood defence committee for an area the whole or the greater part of which is in Wales, means the Secretary of State; and
    - (b) in relation to any other regional flood defence committee, means the Minister.