



Welsh Language Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 38

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

Statutory names, forms etc

26 Powers to prescribe Welsh forms.

- (1) This section applies where an Act of Parliament specifies, or confers power to specify, —
- (a) the form of any document, or
 - (b) any form of words,
- which is to be or may be used for an official or public purpose or for any other purpose where the consequences in law of any act depend on the form used.
- (2) Where the Act itself specifies the form of the document or the form of words, the appropriate Minister may by order prescribe—
- (a) a form of the document in Welsh, or partly in Welsh and partly in English or, as the case may be,
 - (b) a form of words in Welsh,
- for use in such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the order.
- (3) Where the Act confers a power to specify the form of the document or the form of words, the power shall include power to prescribe—
- (a) separate forms of the document, or separate forms of words, in Welsh and in English, and
 - (b) in the case of a document, a form partly in Welsh and partly in English,
- for use in such circumstances and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the instrument by which the power is exercised.

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- (4) Where the powers conferred by this section are exercised in relation to the form of a document or a form of words, a reference in an Act or instrument to the form shall, so far as may be necessary, be construed as (or as including) a reference to the form prescribed under or by virtue of this section.
- (5) This section shall not apply in relation to a provision which—
- (a) confers, or gives power to confer, a name on any body, office or place, or
 - (b) requires specified words to be included in the name of any body, office or place.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 26 applied (24.10.2002) by [European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 7(5)**, 18(2)
- C2** S. 26 applied (26.3.2015) by [Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(c. 25\)](#), **ss. 21(5)**, 24(1)(e)
- C3** S. 26 applied (17.12.2015) by [European Union Referendum Act 2015 \(c. 36\)](#), **ss. 9(6)**, 13(1)
- C4** S. 26 functions made exercisable concurrently or jointly with the Welsh Ministers by 2006 c. 32, Sch. 3A para. 1 (as inserted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 71(4), **Sch. 4 para. 1** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(p))
- C5** S. 26(2) applied (16.2.2011) by [Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 \(c. 1\)](#), s. 19(1), **Sch. 2 para. 10(4)**

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