

*These notes refer to the Regional Assembly (Preparations)  
Act 2003 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 8 May 2003*

# **REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (PREPARATIONS) ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1: Referendums**

##### *Section 7: Combination of polls*

44. *Section 7* enables provision to be made by order for the polls at an assembly or local government referendum to be combined with one another or with other polls for any election or at referendums held under Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.
45. *Subsection (2)* expressly provides for the order-making power to cover the making of provision in connection with the combination of polls, the creation of criminal offences and the application of enactments relating to referendums or elections.
46. Examples of what such an order might provide are: a requirement for the same polling station to be used; for different coloured ballot papers to be used; and the application (with or without modifications) of provision made under section 129(1) of the PPER Act.