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# Government of Wales Act 2006

# 2006 CHAPTER 32

# PART 1

# [<sup>F1</sup>SENEDD CYMRU]

## The [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd]

## **Textual Amendments**

Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(19) (with Sch. 1 para. 2(11)-(14))

# 1 The [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd]

- (1) There is to be [<sup>F2</sup>a parliament] for Wales to be known as [<sup>F3</sup>Senedd Cymru or the Welsh Parliament (referred to in this Act as "the Senedd].
- (2) The [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] is to consist of—
  - (a) one member for each [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] constituency (referred to in this Act as "[<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] constituency members"), and
  - (b) members for each [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] electoral region (referred to in this Act as "[<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] regional members").
- [<sup>F4</sup>(2A) Members of the Senedd are to be known by that name or as Aelodau o'r Senedd.]
  - (3) [<sup>F5</sup>Members of the Senedd] are to be returned in accordance with the provision made by and under this Act for—
    - (a) the holding of general elections of [<sup>F6</sup>Members of the Senedd] (for the return of the entire [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] ), and
    - (b) the filling of vacancies in  $[^{F1}Senedd]$  seats.
  - (4) The validity of any [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] proceedings is not affected by any vacancy in its membership.

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(5) In this Act "[<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] proceedings" means any proceedings of—

- (a) the  $[^{F1}Senedd]$ ,
- (b) committees of the  $[^{F1}Senedd]$ , or
- (c) sub-committees of such committees.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F2 Words in s. 1(1) substituted (6.5.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(3)(a)
- F3 Words in s. 1(1) substituted (6.5.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), ss. 2, 42(2)
- F4 S. 1(2A) inserted (6.5.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), ss. 4, 42(2)
- F5 Words in s. 1(3) substituted (6.5.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(2),Sch. 1 para. 2(3)(b)
- F6 Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(17) (with Sch. 1 para. 2(11)(12)(14))

#### **Commencement Information**

## 2 [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd ] constituencies and electoral regions

- [<sup>F7</sup>(1) The [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] constituencies are the constituencies specified in the Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1041) as amended by—
  - (a) the Parliamentary Constituencies and [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] Electoral Regions (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/1791), and
  - (b) any Order in Council under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 giving effect (with or without modifications) to a report falling within section 13(3) or (4) of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011.]
  - (2) There are five [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd ] electoral regions.
  - (3) The [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] electoral regions are as specified in the Parliamentary Constituencies and [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006.
  - (4) There are four seats for each [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] electoral region.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F7 S. 2(1) substituted (16.2.2011) by Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (c. 1), ss. 13(1), 19(1)
- **F8** S. 2(5)(6) repealed (16.2.2011) by Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (c. 1), ss. 13(2)(a), 19(1), **Schs. 12**

#### **Commencement Information**

I2 Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

II Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

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