



# Government of Wales Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 32

### PART 1

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

##### *The Assembly*

## **1 The Assembly**

- (1) There is to be an Assembly for Wales to be known as the National Assembly for Wales or Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru (referred to in this Act as “the Assembly”).
- (2) The Assembly is to consist of—
  - (a) one member for each Assembly constituency (referred to in this Act as “Assembly constituency members”), and
  - (b) members for each Assembly electoral region (referred to in this Act as “Assembly regional members”).
- (3) Members of the Assembly (referred to in this Act as “Assembly members”) are to be returned in accordance with the provision made by and under this Act for—
  - (a) the holding of general elections of Assembly members (for the return of the entire Assembly), and
  - (b) the filling of vacancies in Assembly seats.
- (4) The validity of any Assembly proceedings is not affected by any vacancy in its membership.
- (5) In this Act “Assembly proceedings” means any proceedings of—
  - (a) the Assembly,
  - (b) committees of the Assembly, or
  - (c) sub-committees of such committees.

## **2 Assembly constituencies and electoral regions**

- (1) The Assembly constituencies are the parliamentary constituencies in Wales (as specified in the Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006 ([S.I. 2006/1041](#))).
- (2) There are five Assembly electoral regions.
- (3) The Assembly electoral regions are as specified in the Parliamentary Constituencies and Assembly Electoral Regions (Wales) Order 2006.
- (4) There are four seats for each Assembly electoral region.
- (5) For provision about alterations in the Assembly electoral regions and in the allocation of seats to those regions see Schedule 1.
- (6) Subsections (1), (3) and (4) are subject to any Order in Council under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 ([c. 56](#)), as that Act has effect as extended by that Schedule.