

# Government of Wales Act 2006

## **2006 CHAPTER 32**

#### PART 4

#### ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

#### Procedure

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#### 114 Power to intervene in certain cases

- (1) This section applies if a Bill contains provisions which the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe—
  - (a) would have an adverse effect on any matter which is not listed under any of the headings in Part 1 of Schedule 7 (or falls within any of the exceptions specified in that Part of that Schedule),
  - (b) might have a serious adverse impact on water resources in England, water supply in England or the quality of water in England,
  - (c) would have an adverse effect on the operation of the law as it applies in England, or
  - (d) would be incompatible with any international obligation or the interests of defence or national security.
- (2) The Secretary of State may make an order prohibiting the Clerk from submitting the Bill for Royal Assent.
- (3) The order must identify the Bill and the provisions in question and state the reasons for making the order.
- (4) The order may be made at any time during—
  - (a) the period of four weeks beginning with the passing of the Bill,

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- (b) any period of four weeks beginning with any subsequent approval of the Bill in accordance with provision included in the standing orders in compliance with section 111(7), or
- (c) if a reference is made in relation to the Bill under section 112, the period of four weeks beginning with the reference being decided or otherwise disposed of by the Supreme Court.
- (5) The Secretary of State must not make an order in relation to a Bill if the Secretary of State has notified the Clerk that no order is to be made in relation to the Bill.
- (6) Subsection (5) does not apply if the Bill has been approved as mentioned in subsection (4)(b) since the notification.
- (7) An order in force under this section at a time when such approval is given ceases to have effect.
- (8) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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