



Government of Wales Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 32

PART 4

ACTS OF THE ^{F5}SENEDD]

Procedure

115 Royal Assent

- (1) It is for the ^{F1}Presiding Officer] to submit Bills for Royal Assent.
- (2) The ^{F2}Presiding Officer] may not submit a Bill for Royal Assent at any time when—
 - (a) the Attorney General or the Counsel General is entitled to make a reference in relation to the Bill under section ^{F3}111B or] 112,
 - (b) such a reference has been made but has not been decided or otherwise disposed of by the Supreme Court, or
 - (c) an order may be made in relation to the Bill under section 114.
- (3) The ^{F4}Presiding Officer] may not submit a Bill in its unamended form for Royal Assent if—
 - (a) the Supreme Court has decided on a reference made in relation to the Bill under section 112 that the Bill or any provision of it would not be within the ^{F5}Senedd's] legislative competence, ^{F6}...
 - ^{F6}(b)
- ^{F7}(3A) The Presiding Officer may not submit a Bill for Royal Assent if the Supreme Court has decided on a reference made in relation to the Bill under section 111B(2)(b) (reference following Presiding Officer's decision that Bill does not contain protected subject-matter) that any provision of the Bill relates to a protected subject-matter unless, since the decision, the Bill has been approved in accordance with standing orders made by virtue of section 111(7).]
- (4) A Bill receives Royal Assent when Letters Patent under the Welsh Seal signed with Her Majesty's own hand signifying Her Assent are notified to the Clerk.

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- [^{F8}(4A) The Keeper of the Welsh Seal (*see* section 116(2)) must make arrangements to send the Letters Patent to the National Library of Wales.]
- (5) The date of Royal Assent is to be written on the Act of the [^{F5}Senedd] by the Clerk, and forms part of the Act.
- [^{F9}(5A) On the copy of the Act of the [^{F5}Senedd] on which the Clerk writes the date of Royal Assent the Clerk must write—
- (a) the calendar year, and
 - (b) any prefix and number which has been assigned to that Act of the [^{F5}Senedd] .
- (5B) The information written on the Act of the [^{F5}Senedd] in pursuance of subsection (5A) forms part of the Act .
- (5C) The copy of the Act of the [^{F5}Senedd] on which the date of Royal Assent and the information in subsection (5A) is written is to be known as the official print of the Act .
- (5D) The Clerk must make a copy of the official print and certify it as a true copy.
- (5E) The Clerk must send the certified copy to the Queen’s Printer and the official print to the National Library of Wales.
- (5F) The National Library of Wales must ensure that the official prints and Letters Patent it receives are preserved and open to public inspection at all reasonable times.]
- (6) The standing orders must include provision for notification by the Clerk to the [^{F5}Senedd] of the date of Royal Assent to an Act of the [^{F5}Senedd] .
- (7) The validity of an Act of the [^{F5}Senedd] is not affected by any failure to comply with provision made by or by virtue of subsection (4), (5) or (6).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 115(1) substituted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), ss. 12\(1\), 71\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 115(2) substituted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), ss. 12\(1\), 71\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 115(2)(a) inserted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), ss. 10\(8\)\(a\), 71\(2\)\(c\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 115(3) substituted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), ss. 12\(1\), 71\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- F5** 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\(11\)-\(14\)](#))
- F6** [S. 115\(3\)\(b\)](#) and word omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\), s. 25\(4\), Sch. 3 para. 40](#) (with [s. 19, Sch. 8 para. 37](#)); [S.I. 2020/1622, reg. 3\(l\)](#) (with [regs. 10, 14, 22](#))
- F7** [S. 115\(3A\)](#) inserted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), ss. 10\(8\)\(b\), 71\(2\)\(c\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- F8** [S. 115\(4A\)](#) inserted (5.5.2011) by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Commencement of Assembly Act Provisions, Transitional and Saving Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1011\), art. 5\(2\)](#)
- F9** [S. 115\(5A\)-\(5F\)](#) inserted (5.5.2011) by [The Government of Wales Act 2006 \(Commencement of Assembly Act Provisions, Transitional and Saving Provisions and Modifications\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1011\), art. 5\(3\)](#)

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Commencement Information

II S. 115 in force at 5.5.2011 by [S.I. 2011/1011](#), **art. 3**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 155A inserted by [2014 c. 29 s. 10](#)
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 92 omitted by [2017 c. 4 s. 48\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 93 words omitted by [2017 c. 4 s. 48\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 10(2)(o) inserted by [2022 c. 30 s. 143](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) repealed by [2023 c. 54 Sch. 11 para. 1\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) word omitted by [2023 c. 54 s. 118\(c\)](#)