



Government of Wales Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

[^{F1}SENEDD CYMRU]

Proceedings etc.

31 Standing orders

- (1) [^{F1}Senedd] proceedings are to be regulated by standing orders (referred to in this Act as “the standing orders”).
- (2) The standing orders must include provision for preserving order in [^{F1}Senedd] proceedings, including provision for—
 - (a) preventing conduct which would constitute a criminal offence or contempt of court, and
 - (b) a sub judice rule.
- (3) The standing orders may include provision for excluding [^{F2}a Member of the Senedd] from [^{F1}Senedd] proceedings.
- (4) The standing orders may include provision for withdrawing from [^{F2}a Member of the Senedd] any or all of the rights and privileges of membership of the [^{F1}Senedd].
- (5) The standing orders—
 - (a) must include provision requiring the proceedings of the [^{F1}Senedd] to be held in public, and for proceedings of a committee of the [^{F1}Senedd] or a sub-committee of such a committee to be held in public except in circumstances provided for in the standing orders, and
 - (b) may include provision as to the conditions to be complied with by members of the public attending the proceedings (including provision for excluding any member of the public who does not comply with the conditions).
- (6) The standing orders must include provision—

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- (a) for reporting the proceedings of the [^{F1}Senedd], and for reporting proceedings of committees of the [^{F1}Senedd] and sub-committees of such committees which are held in public, and
 - (b) for publishing the reports of proceedings as soon as reasonably practicable after the proceedings take place.
- (7) The [^{F1}Senedd] may by resolution remake or revise the standing orders; but if the motion for a resolution to remake or revise the standing orders is passed on a vote, it has no effect unless at least two-thirds of the [^{F3}Members of the Senedd] voting support it.
- (8) The Clerk must from time to time publish the standing orders.

Textual Amendments

- F1** 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)*)
- F2** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by *Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020* (anaw 1), s. 42(2), **Sch. 1 para. 2(15)** (with *Sch. 1 para. 2(11)(12)(14)*)
- F3** 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

- I1** 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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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\(c\)](#)