



Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 53

PART 1

PREPARATIONS FOR RESTORATION OF DEVOLVED GOVERNMENT

3 Next Northern Ireland Assembly election to be in March 2007 etc

(1) In section 31 of the 1998 Act (Northern Ireland Assembly: dates of elections and dissolutions), for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) The date of the poll for the election of the Assembly next following the Assembly elected at the poll on 26 November 2003 shall be 7 March 2007; and the Assembly elected on 26 November 2003 shall be dissolved on 30 January 2007.”

(2) Subsection (3) applies in respect of any vacancy in the membership of the Northern Ireland Assembly which exists at any time between the passing of this Act and the date of the next election of the Assembly (whether the vacancy occurred before or after the passing of this Act).

(3) Article 7 of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001 ([S.I. 2001/2599](#)) does not apply in the case of such a vacancy.