
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Local Government Changes for England
(Miscellaneous Provision) Regulations 1996**

PART III

STATUS, RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES ETC.

Honorary aldermen and freemen

6.—(1) Services rendered to the council of a principal area the whole or part of which becomes, by virtue of a boundary change effected by the order, comprised in another principal area may, for the purposes of section 249 of the 1972 Act (honorary aldermen and freemen)**(1)**, be treated as services rendered to the council of that other principal area.

(2) Section 249(1) of the 1972 Act shall have effect, in relation to a principal council which is to be wound up and dissolved by the order, as if the words from “but” to the end of that subsection were omitted.

(3) Where, by virtue of a boundary change effected by the order, an existing principal area is abolished on the reorganisation date, any person who, immediately before that date, is an honorary alderman of the council of that area shall, on that date, become an honorary alderman of—

- (a) the council of the principal area in which the whole of the existing principal area becomes comprised on that date; or
- (b) where that area becomes comprised partly in each of two or more principal areas on that date, the council of the principal area in which the whole or the greater part of the relevant electoral area becomes comprised;

and, in relation to such a person—

- (i) “relevant electoral area” means the electoral area of the existing principal area for which that person was last returned as a councillor before the title of honorary alderman was conferred on him; and
- (ii) references in section 249(2) and (4) of the 1972 Act which, immediately before the reorganisation date, fall to be construed as references to the council of the existing principal area shall, on and after that date, be construed as references to the council of which that person becomes an honorary alderman on that date.

(4) Nothing in the order shall affect the status of any person who is immediately before the reorganisation date an honorary freeman of any city, borough or royal borough.