



# Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 9

### PART I

#### DISTRICTS AND COUNCILS

##### 1 District councils.

- (1) For every local government district established in pursuance of [<sup>F1</sup>section 1 of the Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 ] or the succeeding provisions of this Act there shall be a district council which—
- (a) shall consist of members—
    - [<sup>F2</sup>(i) elected by the local electors (within the meaning of section 130(1) of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962) in each district electoral area in the district in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Law Acts (Northern Ireland) 1962 to 1971 and the provisions of the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;]
    - (ii) of whom one shall be chairman and another may be vice-chairman; and
  - (b) shall have such functions as are conferred on the council by any statutory provision.
- (2) A council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession, and, subject to the provisions of this Act,—
- (a) the name of the council shall be the name of the district with the addition of words “district council” ; and
  - (b) section 19 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to the council.
- (3) In this Act—
- “district” means a local government district such as is mentioned in subsection (1);

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“council” means a district council;

“councillor” means a member of a council.

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| <b>F1</b> | Words in s. 1(1) substituted (3.10.2013 for specified purposes, 26.5.2014 for further specified purposes, 1.4.2015 for remaining purposes and with effect in accordance with art. 4(1) of the commencing Rule) by <a href="#">Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 7)</a> , <b>ss. 3(1), 5(3)</b> ; <a href="#">S.R. 2013/238</a> , arts. 2, 3(1), 4(1), 5(1) (with arts. 3(2), 4(2), 5(2)-(4) (as amended (31.3.2015) by <a href="#">S.R. 2015/210</a> , art. 2)) |
| <b>F2</b> | SI 1985/454   |

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2006/1253 \(N.I.\) art. 5\(1\)](#)

**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. 4(1)(ea) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 5 para. 3](#)
- s. 10(1) s. 10 renumbered as s. 10(1) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 10(1)(a) words inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 10(2) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 10 para. 3\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 8 para. 1 repealed by [2010 c. 23 Sch. 2](#) (Amendment could not be applied - affected provision (Sch. 8) not available on [legislation.gov.uk](#))
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