



# Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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## PART 1

### ELECTIONS

#### *Electoral cycles*

**14 Change of electoral cycle for principal councils from four years to five years**

- (1) Section 26 of the 1972 Act (election of councillors) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), for “fourth” substitute “fifth”.
- (3) In subsection (2), for “four” substitute “five”.

**15 Change of electoral cycle for community councils from four years to five years**

- (1) Section 35 of the 1972 Act (election years) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2), for “fourth” substitute “fifth”.
- (3) In subsection (2A), for “four” substitute “five”.

**16 Change of electoral cycle for elected mayors from four years to five years**

In section 39 of the 2000 Act (elected mayors etc.), in subsection (7) for “four” substitute “five”.

**17 Extension of power to change ordinary day of local elections in Wales**

- (1) Section 37ZA of the 1983 Act (ordinary day of local elections in Wales) is amended as follows.

- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) after “applies” insert “or an order under subsection (1A) provides otherwise”;
  - (b) in paragraph (b) omit the words from “made not later” to the end.
- (3) After subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) The Welsh Ministers may by order fix a different day to the one specified in or fixed under subsection (1) as the ordinary day of election of—
- (a) councillors for one or more counties or county boroughs in Wales, or
  - (b) community councillors for one or more communities in Wales.
- (1B) An order under subsection (1) or (1A) may fix a day for one or more years.”
- (4) In subsection (2), after “subsection (1)” insert “or fixed under subsection (1A)”.
- (5) In subsection (3), after “subsection (1)” insert “or fixed under subsection (1A)”.
- (6) In subsection (5), for “subsection (3)” substitute “this section”.
- (7) After subsection (5) insert—
- “(6) Before making an order under this section, the Welsh Ministers must consult—
- (a) each council affected by the order,
  - (b) any bodies appearing to the Welsh Ministers to represent the interests of the councils affected by the order, and
  - (c) such other persons as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.”