



# Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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## PART 1

### ELECTIONS

#### *Voting systems for elections to principal councils*

#### **11 Initial review by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission**

- (1) After receiving a notification from a principal council under section 10, the Welsh Ministers may direct the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (“the Commission”) to conduct an initial review of the area of the council.
- (2) Before giving a direction under subsection (1) the Welsh Ministers must consult—
  - (a) the Commission, and
  - (b) such persons representing principal councils as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) A direction under subsection (1) to conduct an initial review may specify that one or more matters of a kind described in paragraph (a) or (b) are not to be considered in the initial review; and those matters are—
  - (a) matters set out in paragraph (b) of the definition of “electoral arrangements” in paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 (community councils’ electoral arrangements);
  - (b) matters set out in the definition of “relevant consequential changes” in paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1.
- (4) A direction under subsection (1) must specify the voting system in relation to which the electoral arrangements are to be reviewed.
- (5) Schedule 1 makes provision in relation to initial reviews conducted by virtue of this section.