



# Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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## PART 7

### MERGERS AND RESTRUCTURING OF PRINCIPAL AREAS

#### CHAPTER 1

##### VOLUNTARY MERGERS OF PRINCIPAL AREAS

###### *Merger regulations*

#### **124 Merger regulations**

- (1) If the Welsh Ministers receive a merger application they may make regulations which provide for the constitution of a new principal area on a date specified in the regulations (“the transfer date”) by—
  - (a) abolishing the principal areas of the merging councils on the transfer date, and
  - (b) merging, to create a new principal area, the principal areas of the merging councils.
- (2) In this Part, regulations under subsection (1) are referred to as merger regulations.
- (3) Merger regulations must provide for—
  - (a) the boundary of the new principal area,
  - (b) the name of the new principal area,
  - (c) whether the new principal area is to be a county or a county borough,
  - (d) the establishment of a council for the new principal area (in accordance with section 125),
  - (e) the transfer of functions of the merging councils to the new principal council, and

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- (f) the winding up and dissolution of the merging councils.
- (4) Where the new principal area is to be a county, merger regulations must provide for the new principal council to have the name of the county with the addition of the words “County Council” or the word “Council”.
- (5) Where the new principal area is to be a county borough, merger regulations must provide for the new principal council to have the name of the county borough with the addition of the words “County Borough Council” or the word “Council”.