



Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 7

MERGERS AND RESTRUCTURING OF PRINCIPAL AREAS

CHAPTER 3

FUNCTIONS RELATING TO MERGERS AND RESTRUCTURING

138 Reviews of electoral arrangements

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may direct the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales to conduct an initial review of electoral arrangements after the Welsh Ministers—
 - (a) receive a merger application, or
 - (b) give notice as described in section 129(6).
- (2) Before giving a direction under subsection (1) the Welsh Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, and
 - (b) such persons representing principal councils as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) A direction under subsection (1) to conduct an initial review in relation to a proposal to transfer part of a principal area to be abolished to another principal area, or in relation to restructuring regulations which provide for such a transfer—
 - (a) must specify the area (which may be all or part of a principal area) that is to be subject to the initial review, and
 - (b) may specify that one or more matters of a kind described in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) are not to be considered in the initial review; and those matters are—

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- (i) matters set out in the definition of “electoral arrangements” in paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1;
 - (ii) matters set out in the definition of “relevant consequential changes” in that paragraph.
- (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.
- (6) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations amend subsection (3) of section 29 of the 2013 Act (periodic reviews of electoral arrangements for principal areas).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 138(1)(a)(2) in force at 21.1.2021, see s. 175(1)(f)
- I2** S. 138(4)-(6) in force at 21.1.2021, see s. 175(1)(f)
- I3** S. 138(1)(b)(3) in force at 1.4.2021 by S.I. 2021/297, art. 2(d)

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