



Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 1

ELECTIONS

Electoral cycles

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—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- “(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.”