



# Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

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## PART 1 **E+W**

### ELECTIONS

#### *Right to vote in local government elections*

## 2 **Extension of right to vote in local government elections** **E+W**

- (1) In section 2 of the 1983 Act (local government electors)—
  - (a) in subsection (1)—
    - (i) in paragraph (c), for “or a relevant citizen of the Union” substitute “, a relevant citizen of the Union or (in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen”;
    - (ii) in paragraph (d), after “over” insert “ except in Wales (see subsection (1A))”;
  - (b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) In Wales, voting age is 16 years or over.”
- (2) In section 12 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32) (entitlement to vote)—
  - (a) in subsection (1)(a), omit “or fall within the extended franchise for Senedd elections as described in this section”;
  - (b) omit subsection (1A);
  - (c) omit subsection (1B).
- (3) In section 4 of the 1983 Act (entitlement to be registered as a local government elector)—
  - (a) in subsection (3)—

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- (i) in paragraph (c), for “or a relevant citizen of the Union” substitute “, a relevant citizen of the Union or (in relation to a local government election in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen ”;
- (ii) in paragraph (d), omit “ or, if resident in an area in Wales, is 16 years of age or over”;
- (b) omit subsection (3A);
- (c) omit subsection (5B).

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 2(1)(3) in force at 20.3.2021, see s. 175(3)(b) (subject to s.3)
- I2** S. 2(2) in force at 5.5.2022, see s. 175(5)
- I3** S. 2(2) in force at 5.5.2022, see s. 175(5)

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