



# Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

## 2004 asp 9

### PART 1

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

#### 1 Electoral wards

- (1) Each local government area shall be divided into electoral wards; and there shall be a separate election for each electoral ward.
- (2) The number of councillors to be returned in an electoral ward shall be [<sup>F1</sup>two, three, four or five], as determined by [<sup>F2</sup>regulations] made under section 17 <sup>F3</sup>... of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 65) (“the 1973 Act”) [<sup>F4</sup>(regulations giving effect to proposals made by Boundaries Scotland after, in particular, complying with the duty in section 28(2), and schedule 6, of the 1973 Act)].
- [<sup>F5</sup>(2A) But, in relation to an electoral ward consisting wholly or partly of one or more inhabited islands (within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018), [<sup>F6</sup>regulations] made under section 17 of the 1973 Act may determine that the number of councillors to be returned is [<sup>F7</sup>one].]
- (3) Different numbers may be determined in relation to different electoral wards.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(2) substituted (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 4(2)(a)**, 35; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.
- F2** Word in s. 1(2) substituted (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 31(8)(a)**, 35; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.
- F3** Words in s. 1(2) repealed (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 4(2)(b)**, 35; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.
- F4** Words in s. 1(2) inserted (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 4(2)(c)**, 35; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.
- F5** S. 1(2A) inserted (4.10.2018) by [Islands \(Scotland\) Act 2018 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 19**, 31(2); S.S.I. 2018/282, reg. 2
- F6** Word in s. 1(2A) substituted (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 31(8)(b)**, 35; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.

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**F7** Word in s. 1(2A) substituted (14.5.2021) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\), ss. 4\(3\), 35; S.S.I. 2021/124, reg. 2, sch.](#)

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** S. 1 in force at 2.5.2007 by [S.S.I. 2007/25, art. 2\(2\)](#)

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