

*These notes relate to the Scottish Elections (Dates) Act 2016
(asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 30 March 2016*

SCOTTISH ELECTIONS (DATES) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

3. The Act provides for a change to the date of the Scottish Parliament general election that would otherwise be held on 7 May 2020 to 6 May 2021 so that it does not coincide with the UK Parliament general election scheduled for 7 May 2020. It also provides for a change to the date of the Scottish local government elections due to be held on 6 May 2021 to 5 May 2022, so that they do not coincide with the new date of the Scottish Parliament general election.