



# Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020

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### PART 1

#### GENERAL REFORMS

##### *Term lengths*

#### **1 Dates of general elections to the Scottish Parliament**

- (1) In the Scotland Act 1998—
  - (a) in section 2 (ordinary general elections)—
    - (i) subsection (1) is repealed,
    - (ii) in subsection (2), for the words from the beginning to “fourth” substitute “The day on which the poll at an ordinary general election for membership of the Parliament is to be held is the first Thursday in May in the fifth”,
  - (b) in the table in paragraph 1(2) of schedule 7 (procedure for subordinate legislation), the entry relating to section 2(1) is repealed.
- (2) Section 1 of the Scottish Elections (Dates) Act 2016 (date of general election for Scottish Parliament) is repealed.

#### **2 Dates of Scottish local government elections**

- (1) In section 5 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (elections and term of office of councillors)—
  - (a) subsections (1A) and (1B) are repealed,
  - (b) in subsection (1C), for “fourth” substitute “fifth”.
- (2) In section 43 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (day of ordinary local elections in Scotland etc.), in subsection (1C) for “5(1A) or (1B)” substitute “5(1C)”.