



Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020

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PART 2

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Examination and audit: devolved Scottish elections

17 **Electoral Commission: five-year plan**

- (1) Schedule 1 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (the Electoral Commission) is amended as follows.
- (2) After paragraph 15 insert—

15A **“Five-year plan: devolved Scottish elections**

- (1) At the same time as the Commission submit to the Speaker's Committee a plan under paragraph 15(1), the Commission must also submit the plan to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (in this paragraph, the “SPCB”).
- (2) The SPCB—
 - (a) must examine each plan submitted to it in so far as the plan relates to the Commission's devolved Scottish functions,
 - (b) must decide whether it is satisfied that the plan is consistent with the economical, efficient and effective discharge by the Commission of their devolved Scottish functions, and
 - (c) if it is not so satisfied, may recommend such modifications to the plan as it considers appropriate for the purpose of achieving such consistency.
- (3) The SPCB must, after concluding its examination and making its recommendations (if any) under sub-paragraph (2) in relation to a plan—
 - (a) report to the Speaker's Committee on its findings and its recommendations (if any), and
 - (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after the plan is laid by the Speaker's Committee under paragraph 15(4)—

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- (i) lay the plan before the Scottish Parliament, and
- (ii) if the SPCB made any recommendations for modifications to the plan under sub-paragraph (2), lay before the Scottish Parliament a document describing its reasons for making the recommendations.”.

Commencement Information

II S. 17 in force at 1.10.2020 by [S.S.I. 2020/278](#), reg. 2, [sch.](#)

18 Accounts and accounting officer

- (1) Schedule 1 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (the Electoral Commission) is amended as follows.
- (2) After paragraph 18(2) insert—
 - “(3) As soon as is reasonably practicable after the Comptroller and Auditor General has certified the Commission's accounts and laid a copy of the accounts as so certified before each House of Parliament under sub-paragraph (2), the Commission must—
 - (a) submit a copy of the accounts as so certified to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, and
 - (b) lay a copy of the accounts as so certified before the Scottish Parliament.”.
- (3) In paragraph 19(4), after “Speaker's Committee” insert “, the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body”.

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