



# Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020

## 2020 asp 2

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### **3 Power to change date of referendum if UK election on same date**

- (1) The date of a referendum must not be the same as the date on which any other election or poll is scheduled to be held throughout Scotland.
- (2) If the date of a referendum is the same as the date of a UK [<sup>F1</sup>parliamentary general] election, the Presiding Officer may appoint a later date on which the poll at that referendum is to be held.
- (3) The date appointed under subsection (2) may not be more than 6 weeks later.
- (4) The Presiding Officer may appoint a date under subsection (2) only if the Scottish Parliament is dissolved or in recess.
- (5) Before appointing a date under subsection (2), the Presiding Officer must consult the Electoral Commission.
- (6) The Presiding Officer must publish a statement of the date appointed under subsection (2).
- (7) In this section—  
“date of a referendum” means the date on which the poll at a referendum is to be held in pursuance of provision made by or under an Act of the Scottish Parliament,  
<sup>F2</sup>  
...

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 3(2) inserted (24.3.2022) by [Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 6(3), [Sch. para. 33\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 3(7) omitted (24.3.2022) by virtue of [Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 6(3), [Sch. para. 33\(b\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Referendums (Scotland) Act 2020, Section 3.