

*These notes relate to the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Act 2021 (asp 5) which received Royal Assent on 29 January 2021*

# **SCOTTISH GENERAL ELECTION (CORONAVIRUS) ACT 2021**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Final provisions***

##### ***Section 13: Interpretation***

48. This section provides definitions for certain terms used in the Act. One of these is “coronavirus”, which is defined by reference to its scientific name of SARS-CoV-2.

##### ***Section 14: Ancillary provision***

49. Subsection (1) gives the Scottish Ministers a freestanding regulation-making power to make any incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision that they consider appropriate for the purposes of, or in connection with, giving full effect to the Act. Subsection (2) allows such regulations to modify any enactment, including the Act itself. These regulations would be required to be laid before the Parliament under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, but they are not otherwise subject to any Parliamentary procedure.

##### ***Section 15: Commencement***

50. This section provides that the Act comes into force on the day after Royal Assent.

##### ***Section 16: Short title***

51. This section provides that the Act will be referred to as the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Act 2021.