



Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Act 2021

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Postal voting arrangements for 2021 election

5 Power to provide for all-postal vote

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may, if they consider it necessary for a reason relating to coronavirus, by regulations provide that the poll at the 2021 election is to be held solely by means of postal voting.
- (2) Regulations under [subsection \(1\)](#) may make such provision as to the arrangements for the poll as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) Regulations under [subsection \(1\)](#) may modify any enactment (including section 3(2) and (3) of, but excluding the rest of, this Act).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1) are subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (5) When laying draft regulations under subsection (4) before the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Ministers must at the same time lay a statement of the reasons for the regulations, including information on the responses received from the persons listed in subsection (6).
- (6) Before laying draft regulations under subsection (4), the Scottish Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the Presiding Officer,
 - (b) the Electoral Commission,
 - (c) the convener of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland, and
 - (d) the Chief Medical Officer of the Scottish Administration.