

SENEDD AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2020

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

Part 2

Renaming of the National Assembly for Wales

3. This Part makes provision to change the name of the National Assembly for Wales to “Senedd Cymru” or “Welsh Parliament” and to make other associated changes. Acts of the National Assembly for Wales will become known as Acts of Senedd Cymru or Deddfau Senedd Cymru. Members of the National Assembly for Wales will be known as Members of the Senedd or Aelodau’r Senedd. Related bodies and persons, such as the Assembly Commission, the Clerk of the Assembly, the Remuneration Board and the Commissioner for Standards, will also be renamed.
4. This Part also makes amendments to other legislation, in particular the Government of Wales Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”), the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009 (“the 2009 Measure”), and the National Assembly for Wales (Remuneration) Measure 2010 (“the 2010 Measure”). Section 150A(2) of the 2006 Act ensures that any references to the Assembly, the Assembly Commission or an Act of the Assembly in other legislation will reflect the new name when it is changed.

Section 2 – National Assembly for Wales renamed Senedd Cymru or Welsh Parliament

5. *Section 2* replaces the reference in section 1 of the 2006 Act to “National Assembly for Wales” with “Senedd Cymru or the Welsh Parliament” (to be referred to in the remainder of the 2006 Act as “the Senedd”). Paragraph 2 (3)(a) of Schedule 1 to the Act makes a further amendment to section 1 of the 2006 Act in consequence of this to make it clear that there is to be a parliament (rather than an Assembly) for Wales. As noted, the 2006 Act will refer to the parliament as “the Senedd”.

Section 3 – Acts of the National Assembly for Wales renamed Acts of Senedd Cymru

6. Section 107 of the 2006 Act confers power on the Assembly to pass legislation in relation to Wales called “Acts of the National Assembly for Wales” or “Deddfau Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru” referred to in the 2006 Act, as “Acts of the Assembly”. Section 3 amends section 107 (1) of the 2006 Act so that primary legislation passed by the Assembly following this section coming into force is to be called “Acts of Senedd Cymru or Deddfau Senedd Cymru” referred to in the 2006 Act as “Acts of the Senedd”.

Section 4 – Members to be known as Members of the Senedd

7. *Section 4* provides that Members of the Assembly for Wales are to be known as Members of the Senedd or Aelodau’r Senedd.

Section 5 – Clerk of the Assembly renamed Clerk of the Senedd

8. **Section 5** amends section 26(2) of the 2006 Act to provide that the Clerk of the Assembly is to be known as the Clerk of the Senedd or Clerc y Senedd.

Section 6 – National Assembly for Wales Commission renamed Senedd Commission

9. **Section 6** replaces the reference in section 27(1) of the 2006 Act to “National Assembly for Wales Commission” with “Senedd Commission or Comisiwn y Senedd”.

Section 7– National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards renamed Senedd Commissioner for Standards

10. **Section 7** replaces the reference to the “National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards” in section 1 (1) of the 2009 Measure with “Senedd Commissioner for Standards”.

Section 8 – National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board renamed the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd

11. **Section 8** replaces the reference to the “National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board” in section 1(1) of the 2010 Measure with the “board to be known as the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd”. Paragraph 2(4) of Schedule 1 also replaces the reference to the “National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board” in section 20(8) of the 2006 Act with “Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd”.

Section 9 – Minor and consequential amendments

12. **Section 9** introduces Schedule 1 which makes minor and consequential amendments relating to Part 2 of the Act to other legislation.