



# Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020

2020 anaw 1

## PART 3

### ELECTIONS

#### *Extension of right to vote*

#### **10 Extension of right to vote in Senedd elections to 16 and 17 year old persons**

- (1) Section 12 (entitlement to vote) of the 2006 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)(a), after “constituency” insert “or fall within the extended franchise for Senedd elections as described in this section”.
- (3) After subsection (1), insert—
  - “(1A) A person falls within the extended franchise for Senedd elections if the person—
    - (a) has attained the age of 16, but not the age of 18, and
    - (b) would, but for any disability removed by this section, be entitled to vote as an elector at a local government election in an electoral area wholly or partly included within the Senedd constituency.”
- (4) The amendments made by this section have effect for the purposes of an election for membership of the Senedd at which the poll is held on or after 5 April 2021.

#### **11 Extension of right to vote in Senedd elections to qualifying foreign citizens**

- (1) After section 12(1A) of the 2006 Act, insert—
  - “(1B) A person falls within the extended franchise for Senedd elections if the person—
    - (a) is a qualifying foreign citizen (within the meaning given by section 203(1) of the [Representation of the People Act 1983 \(c. 2\)](#)), and

---

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

---

- (b) would, but for any disability removed by this section, be entitled to vote as an elector at a local government election in an electoral area wholly or partly included within the Senedd constituency.”
- (2) The amendments made by this section have effect for the purposes of an election for membership of the Senedd at which a poll is held on or after 5 April 2021.