



Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

2021 asc 1

PART 1

ELECTIONS

Right to vote in local government elections

2 Extension of right to vote in local government elections

- (1) In section 2 of the 1983 Act (local government electors)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) in paragraph (c), for “or a relevant citizen of the Union” substitute “, a relevant citizen of the Union or (in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (d), after “over” insert “except in Wales (see subsection (1A))”;
 - (b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) In Wales, voting age is 16 years or over.”
- (2) In section 12 of the [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#) (entitlement to vote)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a), omit “or fall within the extended franchise for Senedd elections as described in this section”;
 - (b) omit subsection (1A);
 - (c) omit subsection (1B).
- (3) In section 4 of the 1983 Act (entitlement to be registered as a local government elector)—
 - (a) in subsection (3)—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (i) in paragraph (c), for “or a relevant citizen of the Union” substitute “, a relevant citizen of the Union or (in relation to a local government election in Wales) a qualifying foreign citizen”;
- (ii) in paragraph (d), omit “ or, if resident in an area in Wales, is 16 years of age or over”;
- (b) omit subsection (3A);
- (c) omit subsection (5B).