



Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020

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PART 1

GENERAL REFORMS

Term lengths

1 Dates of general elections to the Scottish Parliament

- (1) In the Scotland Act 1998—
 - (a) in section 2 (ordinary general elections)—
 - (i) subsection (1) is repealed,
 - (ii) in subsection (2), for the words from the beginning to “fourth” substitute “ The day on which the poll at an ordinary general election for membership of the Parliament is to be held is the first Thursday in May in the fifth ”,
 - (b) in the table in paragraph 1(2) of schedule 7 (procedure for subordinate legislation), the entry relating to section 2(1) is repealed.
- (2) Section 1 of the Scottish Elections (Dates) Act 2016 (date of general election for Scottish Parliament) is repealed.

Commencement Information

II [S. 1](#) in force at 1.10.2020 by [S.S.I. 2020/278](#), [reg. 2](#), [sch.](#)

2 Dates of Scottish local government elections

- (1) In section 5 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (elections and term of office of councillors)—
 - (a) subsections (1A) and (1B) are repealed,
 - (b) in subsection (1C), for “fourth” substitute “ fifth ”.
- (2) In section 43 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (day of ordinary local elections in Scotland etc.), in subsection (1C) for “5(1A) or (1B)” substitute “ 5(1C) ”.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020, Cross Heading: Term lengths. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

I2 [S. 2](#) in force at 14.5.2021 by [S.S.I. 2021/124](#), reg. 2, [sch.](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020,
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