

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 9 – Collaboration and Amalgamation**

##### *Section 163 – Electoral matters*

195. Enables the Welsh Ministers, when making an amalgamation order, to make provision in that order for the election of the council of the new local authority. The provision would include the power to cancel any elections scheduled for the authorities to be abolished.
196. If the election of the new authority had to take place on a day other than that scheduled for the ordinary local government elections and community council elections were also scheduled for that day in the areas concerned, the Welsh Ministers would be able to cancel the community council elections and order them to be held on another day (for example to coincide with the first elections to the new authority).
197. The amendment provides for a “shadow” period and the establishment of a shadow authority and shadow executive to make the necessary preparations for the new authority before it comes formally into being.