



2008 CHAPTER 7

Commencement

5.—(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), this Act comes into operation on Royal Assent.

(2) Section 1 comes into operation—

(a) for the purposes of—

(i) the exercise by the Department and the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner of their functions under section 50 of, and Schedule 4 to, the principal Act, and

(ii) the exercise by the Secretary of State and the District Electoral Areas Commissioner of their functions under Article 2 of the District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (No. 360),

one week after the date of Royal Assent;

(b) for other purposes on such date or dates as the Department may by order appoint.

(3) Section 3(1) and the repeal, by section 3(2) and the Schedule, of the Local Government (Boundaries) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 (c. 9) come into operation on such date or dates as the Department may by order appoint.

(4) An order under this section may contain such transitional or transitory provisions and such savings as appear to the Department to be necessary or expedient.