**Draft Legislation:** This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 (Amendment) Order 2005 No. 862

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends section 11(1A) of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 so as to change the date of local elections in Northern Ireland from the third Wednesday in May to the first Thursday in May. This will align the position in Northern Ireland with that in Great Britain.