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**2008 No.**

**The Northumberland (Structural Change) Order 2008**

**PART 5**

**ELECTORAL MATTERS**

**Northumberland council election in 2008**

**13.**—(1) A whole council election of councillors of the Northumberland council shall be held on the 2008 election day, on the ordinary day of election of councillors<sup>(1)</sup> in 2013, and every fourth year thereafter.

(2) The term of office of councillors elected to the Northumberland council in 2005 or at any by-election held after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2005 and before the 2008 election day shall end on the fourth day after the 2008 election day.

(3) Notwithstanding section 7(1) of the 1972 Act, the term of office of councillors elected to the Northumberland council on the 2008 election day shall be five years, and they shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013.

(4) The person who is for the time being the returning officer for Northumberland<sup>(2)</sup> shall take such steps as are necessary or appropriate to prepare for the 2008 election and shall, in particular, ensure that all necessary alterations are made in the electoral register.

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(1) See section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).

(2) See section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c.2).