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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 28A

#### AMENDMENT OF LAWS RELATING TO FREEDOMS OF CITIES AND TOWNS

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 28A inserted (12.1.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), [ss. 28\(3\)](#), [148\(1\)\(d\)](#)

##### *Powers to amend law in respect of women and civil partners*

- 2 (1) The purposes of this paragraph are—
- (a) to provide for a woman to have the right to be admitted to freedom of a city or town in any or all circumstances where a man has that right;
  - (b) to enable a woman admitted to the freedom of a city or town (whether pursuant to this Schedule or otherwise) to use the title “freewoman”;
  - (c) to put a civil partner or surviving civil partner of a person admitted to freedom of a city or town in the same position as a spouse or surviving spouse of such a person.
- (2) The appropriate national authority may by order amend an Act for any purpose of this paragraph, if the amendment is proposed by a qualifying resolution.
- (3) A qualifying resolution may amend—
- (a) any enactment other than an Act, or
  - (b) the law established by custom,
- for any purpose of this paragraph.
- (4) An amendment may not be made under this paragraph for the purpose specified in sub-paragraph (1)(a) if the effect of the amendment in any case or circumstances would be to deprive a man of the right to be admitted to freedom of a city or town.
- (5) A provision of a public general Act may not be amended under this paragraph unless the provision relates only to—
- (a) a particular city or town, or
  - (b) a specified group of cities or towns.]

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