



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART V

GENERAL PROVISIONS AS TO MEMBERS AND PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Acceptance, resignation and vacation of office, and casual vacancies

91 Temporary appointment of members of parish and community councils.

- (1) Where there are so many vacancies in the office of parish or community councillor that the parish or community council are unable to act, the district council [^{F1}or Welsh principal council] may by order appoint persons to fill all or any of the vacancies until other councillors are elected and take up office.
- (2) In the case of a common parish council under which are grouped, by virtue of section 11(5) above, parishes situated in different districts, the reference in subsection (1) above to the district council shall be construed as a reference to the council of the district in which there is the greater number of local government electors for the parishes in the group.
- (3) Two copies of every order made under this section shall be sent to the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 91(1) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 24** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), **Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)**); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 5 applied (23.5.2019) by **The Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Order 2019** (S.I. 2019/957), arts. 1, **15(1)**
- C2** Pt. 5 applied (14.2.2020) by **The Northamptonshire (Structural Changes) Order 2020** (S.I. 2020/156), arts. 1, **17(1)**

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| C3 | Pt. 5 applied (18.3.2022) by The Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/331) , arts. 1(1), 18(1) |
| C4 | S. 91: functions of local authority not to be responsibility of an executive of the authority (E.) (16.11.2000) by virtue of S.I. 2000/2853 , reg. 2(1), Sch. 1 |

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)