



Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

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PART I

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, AUTHORITIES AND ELECTIONS

New areas and councils

3 Chairman

- (1) The chairman of each such council as aforesaid shall be elected by the council from among the councillors, and in the case of an equality of votes the chairmanship shall be determined by lot as between those who received an equal number of votes.
- (2) The term of office of the chairman shall be four years from the date of his election as chairman, except in the case of the first and second ordinary elections of chairman of a district council when the term of office shall be three years or, in the case of the filling of a casual vacancy, when the council may decide that the person elected to fill the vacancy should serve as chairman for the remainder of the term of office of the council.
- (3) The election of the chairman shall be the first business transacted at the first meeting of the council held after the ordinary election of councillors, and at that meeting, until the chairman is elected, the returning officer, and failing him such councillor as may be selected by the meeting, shall preside.
- (4) A person holding the office of chairman shall be eligible for re-election as chairman but shall cease to hold that office upon ceasing to be a councillor.
- (5) On a casual vacancy occurring in the office of chairman, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held as soon as practicable by the council at a meeting of the council the notice of which specifies the filling of the vacancy as an item of business, and the meeting shall be conducted in the same manner as an ordinary election of chairman.
- (6) The title of " Lord Provost" shall attach to the chairman of each of the district councils of the cities of Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow, the chairman of each other

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district council shall be known by such title as the district council, with the consent of the Secretary of State, may decide and the chairman of each regional or islands council shall be known as the convener of that council.

- (7) A council may pay the chairman, for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of his office, such allowance as the council think reasonable.