



Land Drainage Act 1976

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PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Water authorities

4 Local land drainage schemes and local land drainage committees

- (1) In this Act " a local land drainage scheme " means a scheme—
- (a) for the creation in a water authority area of one or more districts to be called "local land drainage districts "; and
 - (b) for the constitution, membership, functions and procedure of a committee for each such district, to be called the "local land drainage committee" for that district,
- and any such scheme in force immediately before the coming into operation of this Act shall, subject to subsection (2) below, continue in force.
- (2) A regional land drainage committee may at any time submit to the water authority for their area—
- (a) a local land drainage scheme for any part of that area for which there is then no such scheme in force; or
 - (b) a scheme varying a local land drainage scheme or revoking such a scheme and, if the committee think fit, replacing it with another such scheme ;
- and references in the following provisions of this section and in section 5 below to local land drainage schemes are references to schemes under either paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (3) Before submitting a scheme to a water authority under subsection (2) above, a regional land drainage committee shall consult—
- (a) the councils of counties and districts any part of which will fall within the area to which the scheme is proposed to relate, and

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- (b) such organisations representative of persons interested in land drainage or agriculture as the regional land drainage committee consider to be appropriate.
- (4) It shall be the duty of a water authority to send any scheme submitted to them under subsection (2) above to the Minister.
- (5) A local land drainage scheme may define a local land drainage district—
- (a) by reference to areas established for the purposes of functions relating to land drainage under any enactment in force immediately before the passing of the Water Act 1973 ;
 - (b) by reference to the water authority area in which that district is situated;
 - (c) by reference to a map ;
- or partly by one of those means and partly by another or the others.
- (6) A local land drainage scheme may contain incidental, consequential and supplementary provisions.
- (7) The Minister may approve a local land drainage scheme with or without modifications, and any scheme so approved shall come into operation on a date fixed by him.