



# Government of Wales Act 1998

## 1998 CHAPTER 38

### PART I

#### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

##### *The Assembly*

#### **1 The Assembly.**

- (1) There shall be an Assembly for Wales to be known as the National Assembly for Wales or Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru (but referred to in this Act as the Assembly).
- (2) The Assembly shall be a body corporate.
- (3) The exercise by the Assembly of its functions is to be regarded as done on behalf of the Crown.

#### **2 Membership.**

- (1) The Assembly shall consist of—
  - (a) one member for each Assembly constituency, and
  - (b) members for each Assembly electoral region.
- (2) The Assembly constituencies and Assembly electoral regions, and the number of Assembly seats for each Assembly electoral region, shall be as provided for by or in accordance with Schedule 1.
- (3) Members of the Assembly (referred to in this Act as Assembly members) shall be returned in accordance with the provision made by and under this Act for—
  - (a) the holding of ordinary elections of Assembly members, and
  - (b) the filling of vacancies in Assembly seats.
- (4) An ordinary election involves the holding of elections for the return of the entire Assembly.

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- (5) The term of office of an Assembly member—
- (a) begins when he is declared to be returned as an Assembly member, and
  - (b) continues until the end of the day before the day of the poll at the next ordinary election.
- (6) But an Assembly member may at any time resign his seat by giving notice to—
- (a) the presiding officer, or
  - (b) any person authorised by the standing orders of the Assembly to receive the notice.
- (7) The validity of anything done by the Assembly is not affected by any vacancy in its membership.

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