

*These notes refer to the Local Government Act 2000  
(c.22) which received Royal Assent on 28 July 2000*

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

#### Part II: Arrangements With Respect to Executives

##### Commentary on sections

##### *Section 45: Provisions with respect to referendums*

98. *Section 45* provides that a local authority may hold only one referendum on proposals for executive arrangements in any five-year period. This includes referendums triggered by a public petition under section 34, or required by the Secretary of State under section 35 or 36. The people eligible to vote in a referendum will be those people who would normally be entitled to vote at local government elections in the authority conducting the referendum.
99. *Section 45* also provides for the Secretary of State to make regulations on the conduct of referendums, and for the application of electoral and referendum legislation to the holding of these referendums.