



Local Government Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 22

[^{F1}PART 1A

ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE IN ENGLAND

CHAPTER 4

CHANGING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Referendums

[^{F1}9MG Voting in and conduct of referendums

- (1) The persons entitled to vote in a referendum held by a local authority under this Chapter are those who on the day of the referendum—
 - (a) would be entitled to vote as electors at an election of councillors for an electoral area which is situated within the authority's area, and
 - (b) are registered in the register of local government electors at an address within the authority's area.
- (2) The Secretary of State [^{F2}or the Lord President of the Council] may by regulations make provision as to the conduct of referendums under this Chapter.
- (3) The Secretary of State [^{F2}or the Lord President of the Council] may by regulations make provision for the combination of polls at referendums under this Chapter with polls at any elections.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (2) or (3) may apply or incorporate, with or without modifications or exceptions, any provision of any enactment (whenever passed or made) relating to elections or referendums.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (2) may, in particular, include provision—
 - (a) as to the question to be asked in a referendum,

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- (b) as to the publicity to be given in connection with a referendum (including the publicity to be given with respect to the consequences of the referendum),
 - (c) about the limitation of expenditure in connection with a referendum (and the creation of criminal offences in connection with the limitation of such expenditure),
 - (d) as to the conduct of the authority, members of the authority and officers of the authority in relation to a referendum,
 - (e) as to when, where and how voting in a referendum is to take place,
 - (f) as to how the votes cast in a referendum are to be counted, and
 - (g) for disregarding alterations in a register of electors.
- (6) Before making any regulations under this section that include provision as to the question to be asked in a referendum, the Secretary of State [^{F3}or the Lord President of the Council] must consult the Electoral Commission.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 1A inserted (3.12.2011 for specified purposes, 15.1.2012 for the insertion of Pt. 1A Ch. 4 so far as not already in force and ss. 9B, 9C and 9R for specified purposes, 9.3.2012 for the insertion of ss. 9H-9HE in so far as not already in force and s. 9R for specified purposes, 4.5.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 2 para. 1](#); [S.I. 2011/2896](#), art. 2(e); [S.I. 2012/57](#), art. 4(1)(b) (with arts. 6, 7, 9-11); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 2(a); [S.I. 2012/1008](#), art. 4(b)
- F2** Words in s. 9MG(2)(3) inserted (6.11.2013) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections and Referendums\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2597\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. para. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with art. 3)
- F3** Words in s. 9MG(6) inserted (6.11.2013) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections and Referendums\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2597\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. para. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with art. 3)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 9MG functions made exercisable concurrently (6.11.2013) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections and Referendums\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2597\)](#), arts. 1(2), [2\(c\)](#) (with art. 3)

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