



# Government of Wales Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 32

### PART 4

#### ACTS OF THE [F<sup>2</sup>SENEDD]

##### *Procedure*

#### **111 Proceedings on Bills**

- (1) The standing orders must include provision—
  - (a) for general debate on a Bill with an opportunity for [F<sup>1</sup>Members of the Senedd] to vote on its general principles,
  - (b) for the consideration of, and an opportunity for [F<sup>1</sup>Members of the Senedd] to vote on, the details of a Bill, and
  - (c) for a final stage at which a Bill can be passed or rejected.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not prevent the standing orders making provision to enable the [F<sup>2</sup>Senedd] to expedite proceedings in relation to a particular Bill.
- (3) The standing orders may make provision different from that required by subsection (1) for the procedure applicable to Bills of any of the following kinds—
  - (a) Bills which restate the law,
  - (b) Bills which repeal or revoke spent enactments, and
  - (c) private Bills.
- (4) The standing orders must include provision for securing that the [F<sup>2</sup>Senedd] may only pass a Bill containing provisions which would, if contained in a Bill for an Act of Parliament, require the consent of Her Majesty or the Duke of Cornwall if such consent has been signified in accordance with the standing orders.
- (5) The standing orders must include provision for securing that the [F<sup>2</sup>Senedd] may only pass a Bill if the text of the Bill is in both English and Welsh, unless the circumstances are such as are specified by the standing orders as any in which the text need not be in both languages.

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- (6) The standing orders must provide for an opportunity for the reconsideration of a Bill after its passing if (and only if)—
- [<sup>F3</sup>(za) the Supreme Court decides on a reference made in relation to the Bill under section 111B(2)(b) (reference following Presiding Officer's decision that Bill does not contain protected subject-matter) that any provision of the Bill relates to a protected subject-matter,]
  - (a) the Supreme Court decides on a reference made in relation to the Bill under section 112 that the Bill or any provision of it would not be within the [<sup>F2</sup>Senedd's] legislative competence,
  - (b) <sup>F4</sup>... or
  - (c) an order is made in relation to the Bill under section 114.
- [<sup>F5</sup>(6A) The standing orders must provide for an opportunity for the reconsideration of a Bill after its rejection if (and only if), on a reference made in relation to the Bill under section 111B(2)(a) (reference following Presiding Officer's decision that Bill contains protected subject-matter), the Supreme Court decides that no provision that is subject to the reference relates to a protected subject-matter.]
- [<sup>F6</sup>(7) The standing orders must, in particular, ensure that—
- (a) any Bill amended on reconsideration in accordance with standing orders made by virtue of subsection (6)(a) <sup>F7</sup>... or (c), and
  - (b) any Bill reconsidered in accordance with standing orders made by virtue of subsection (6)(za) or (6A),
- is subject to a final stage at which it can be approved or rejected.]
- (8) References in subsections (4), (5) and (6) of this section and sections 107(2), 109(5) [<sup>F8</sup>, 111A(3) and (4), 111B(2)(b)] [<sup>F9</sup>, 116(3) and 116C (4)] to the passing of a Bill are, in the case of a Bill [<sup>F10</sup>to which subsection (7)(a) or (b) applies], to be read as references to its approval.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(17\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F2** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(19\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)-\(14\)](#))
- F3** S. 111(6)(za) inserted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 10\(2\)](#), 71(2)(c) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), reg. 3(c)
- F4** S. 111(6)(b) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 25(4), [Sch. 3 para. 38\(a\)](#) (with s. 19, [Sch. 8 para. 37](#)); [S.I. 2020/1622](#), reg. 3(l) (with regs. 10, 14, 22)
- F5** S. 111(6A) inserted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 10\(3\)](#), 71(2)(c) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), reg. 3(c)
- F6** S. 111(7) substituted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 10\(4\)](#), 71(2)(c) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), reg. 3(c)
- F7** Word in s. 111(7)(a) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act 2018 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 25(4), [Sch. 3 para. 38\(b\)](#) (with s. 19, [Sch. 8 para. 37](#)); [S.I. 2020/1622](#), reg. 3(l) (with regs. 10, 14, 22)
- F8** Words in s. 111(8) inserted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 10\(5\)\(a\)](#), 71(2)(c) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), reg. 3(c)
- F9** Words in s. 111(8) substituted (17.2.2015) by [Wales Act 2014 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 6\(4\)](#), 29(2)(b)(3)

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** S. 111 in force at 5.5.2011 by [S.I. 2011/1011](#), [art. 3](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 155A inserted by [2014 c. 29 s. 10](#)
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 92 omitted by [2017 c. 4 s. 48\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 93 words omitted by [2017 c. 4 s. 48\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 10(2)(o) inserted by [2022 c. 30 s. 143](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) repealed by [2023 c. 54 Sch. 11 para. 1\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) word omitted by [2023 c. 54 s. 118\(c\)](#)