



Government of Wales Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

[^{F1}SENEDD CYMRU]

Franchise and conduct of elections

[^{F1}13A Power of the Secretary of State to make provision about the combination of polls

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for—
 - (a) the combination of polls at ordinary general elections of [^{F2}Members of the Senedd] with polls at [^{F3}parliamentary by-elections], and
 - (b) the combination of polls at extraordinary general elections of [^{F2}Members of the Senedd], and by-elections for the return of [^{F2}Members of the Senedd], with polls at [^{F4}parliamentary by-elections or parliamentary general elections].

^{F5}(2)

^{F6}(3)

- (4) The Secretary of State may not make regulations under this section without the agreement of the Welsh Ministers.

- (5) Regulations under this section may—
 - (a) apply or incorporate, with or without modifications or exceptions, any provision made by or under the election enactments, and
 - (b) modify any form contained in, or in regulations or rules made under, the Representation of the People Acts so far as may be necessary to enable it to be used both for the original purpose and in relation to elections of [^{F2}Members of the Senedd].

- (6) In subsection (5)(a) “the election enactments” has the meaning given by section 13(5).

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- (7) No regulations are to be made under this section unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing them has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 13, 13A substituted for s. 13 (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 5(1)**, 71(4) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179](#), [reg. 3\(b\)](#)
- F2** 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\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
- F3** Words in s. 13A(1)(a) substituted (24.3.2022) by [Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 6(3), **Sch. para. 20(a)(i)**
- F4** Words in s. 13A(1)(b) substituted (24.3.2022) by [Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 6(3), **Sch. para. 20(a)(ii)**
- F5** S. 13A(2) omitted (24.3.2022) by virtue of [Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 6(3), **Sch. para. 20(b)**
- F6** S. 13A(3) omitted (24.3.2022) by virtue of [Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 6(3), **Sch. para. 20(b)**

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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\(c\)](#)