



# Government of Wales Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 32

### PART 6

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

#### *Supplementary*

#### **161 Commencement**

- (1) Subject as follows, this Act comes into force immediately after the ordinary election under section 3 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38) held in 2007 (referred to in this Act as “the 2007 election”).
- (2) The following provisions come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
  - paragraphs 5, 6 and 12 of Schedule 2,
  - sections 95 and 96 and Schedule 5,
  - section 109 and Schedule 7,
  - section 119 and the repeal by Schedule 12 of section 81 of the Government of Wales Act 1998,
  - section 120(3) and (7),
  - section 125 and the repeal by Schedule 12 of section 86 of the Government of Wales Act 1998,
  - sections 157 to 159,
  - section 160(2) to (4),
  - the amendment made by paragraph 61 of Schedule 10 in section 13 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41),
  - this section,
  - section 162 and Schedule 11,
  - the repeal by Schedule 12 of section 12(1)(d) of the Government of Wales Act 1998, and
  - sections 164 to 166.

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- (3) The following provisions come into force on 1st April 2007—  
sections 117 and 118 and the repeal by Schedule 12 of section 80 of the Government of Wales Act 1998,  
section 120(1) and (2), (4) to (6) and (8) and the repeal by Schedule 12 of section 84 of that Act,  
sections 121 and 122 and the repeal by Schedule 12 of section 82 of that Act,  
section 124 and the repeal by Schedule 12 of sections 85(1) and 89 of that Act,  
section 126,  
sections 128 and 129, and  
the amendments in the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65),  
the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41) and the Housing Act 1988 (c. 50)  
made by Schedule 10.
- (4) Subject to subsections (2), (3) and (6), the following provisions come into force immediately after the end of the initial period—
- (a) any provision of this Act so far as relating to functions of the Welsh Ministers, the First Minister, the Counsel General or the [<sup>F1</sup>Senedd] Commission,
  - (b) any provision of this Act so far as relating to the Auditor General or the Comptroller and Auditor General,
  - (c) any other provision consisting of an amendment made in the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38) by Schedule 10, and
  - (d) the repeal by Schedule 12 of provisions falling to be repealed in consequence of any provision within paragraph (a), (b) or (c).
- (5) In this Act “the initial period” means the period—
- (a) beginning with the day of the poll at the 2007 election, and
  - (b) ending with the day on which the first appointment is made under section 46.
- (6) The repeals by Schedule 12 of each of sections 83, 88, 93(8), 97 and 101A of the Government of Wales Act 1998 (and of the other provisions of that Act so far as relating to them) come into force when the section has been complied with for the financial year ending with 31st March 2007 (and earlier financial years); and sections 123, 131, 132 and 141 do not apply for that financial year.

<sup>F2</sup>(7) .....

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#### 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(19)** (with Sch. 1 para. 2(11)-(14))
- F2** S. 161(7) omitted (1.4.2018) by virtue of Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), **Sch. 6 para. 11** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(q)

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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\(c\)](#)