



Coronavirus Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 7

PART 1

MAIN PROVISIONS

Postponement of elections: Wales

67 Power to postpone local authority elections in Wales for casual vacancies

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may, by regulations made by statutory instrument, provide—
 - (a) that the poll for a relevant election is to be held on such date, or within such period, as is specified in the regulations;
 - (b) that polls for relevant elections that would otherwise be required to be held on dates that fall within a period specified in the regulations are instead to be held on such later date, or within such period, as is specified in the regulations.
- (2) For the purposes of this section an election is “relevant” if—
 - (a) the date of the poll for the election falls within the period beginning with 16 March 2020 and ending with 5 May 2021, and
 - (b) it is an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of councillor in a county council, county borough council or community council in Wales.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) must not specify—
 - (a) a date later than 6 May 2021, or
 - (b) a period ending later than 6 May 2021.
- (4) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) may be exercised more than once in respect of any relevant election.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (1) may make provision by reference to relevant elections of a description specified in the regulations (for example, by reference to the nature, date or location of the elections).

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for the Coronavirus Act 2020, Section 67. (See end of Document for details)*

- (6) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) is capable of being exercised so as to amend or repeal a provision of an Act of Parliament or of an Act or Measure of the National Assembly for Wales.
- (7) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.

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