STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1970 No. 1678

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

The Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1970

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - 11th November 1970

Coming into Operation 25th November 1970

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of November 1970

Present.

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas in pursuance of section 2(1) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949(a) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland have submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated 10th June 1969, showing the constituencies into which they recommend, in accordance with the provisions of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 and 1958(b), that Northern Ireland should be divided:

And whereas the Secretary of State has laid the said report before Parliament together with the draft of this Order in Council to give effect to recommendations contained in the report and each House of Parliament has by resolution approved the said draft:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 3 of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1970.
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- (3) This Order shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which it is made:

Provided that the coming into operation of this Order shall not affect any parliamentary election until a proclamation is issued by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament or affect the constitution of the House of Commons until the dissolution of the Parliament in being on the day on which this Order comes into operation.

- 2. In lieu of the constituencies described in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1948(a) and specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order there shall be substituted the constituencies described in Part II of the Schedule to this Order, the constituencies in the said Part II being described by reference to circumstances as they existed on 1st January 1969.
- 3. The electoral registration officers for the constituencies specified in the said Schedule shall make such re-arrangement or adaptation of the registers of parliamentary electors as may be necessary to give effect to this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

Part I

(a) County Constituencies

| Name | Contents |
|---------------|--|
| North Antrim | (i) The boroughs of Ballymena and Larne; (ii) the urban districts of Ballycastle, Ballymoney and Portrush; (iii) the rural districts of Ballycastle, Ballymena and Ballymoney, and the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Larne, namely, Ardclinis, Ballycor, Carncastle, Glenarm North, Glenarm South, Glencloy and Kilwaughter. |
| South Antrim | (i) The urban districts of Ballyclare, Carrickfergus, Lisburn and Whitehead; (ii) the rural districts of Antrim, Belfast and Lisburn and the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Larne, namely, Ballynure, Carrickfergus Rural, Eden, Glynn, Islandmagee North, Islandmagee South, Middle Division, Raloo and Templecorran. |
| North Down | (i) The boroughs of Bangor and Newtownards; (ii) the urban districts of Donaghadee and Holywood; (iii) the rural districts of Castlereagh, Hillsborough and Newtownards. |
| | (b) Borough Constituencies |
| Belfast East | The Mountpottinger, Dock and Victoria wards of the county borough of Belfast. |
| Belfast North | The Duncairn, Shankill and Clifton wards of the county borough of Belfast. |
| Belfast South | The Cromac, Windsor and Ormeau wards of the county borough of Belfast. |
| Belfast West | The Falls, Smithfield St. Anne's, St. George's, Court and Woodvale wards of the county borough of Belfast. |

(a) 1948 c. 65.

PART II

(a) County Constituencies

Name

Contents

North Antrim

- (i) The boroughs of Ballymena, Carrickfergus and Larne;
- (ii) the urban districts of Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Portrush and Whitehead;
- (iii) the rural districts of Ballycastle, Ballymena and Ballymoney;
- (iv) the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Larne, namely, Ardelinis, Ballycor, Carneastle, Eden, Glenarm North, Glenarm South, Glencloy, Glynn, Islandmagee North, Islandmagee South, Kilwaughter, Middle Division, Raloo and Templecorran.

South Antrim

- (i) The borough of Lisburn;
- (ii) the urban districts of Ballyclare and Newtownabbey;
- (iii) the rural district of Antrim;
- (iv) the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Lisburn, namely, Aghalee, Ballinderry, Ballyscolly, Derriaghy, Glenavy, Islandkelly, Lambeg, Lisnagarvey, Lissue, Magheragall, Magheramesk, Montiaghs, Suffolk and Tullyrusk;
- (v) the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Larne, namely, Ballynure and Carrickfergus Rural.

North Down

- (i) The boroughs of Bangor and Newtownards;
- (ii) the urban districts of Donaghadee and Holywood;
- (iii) the rural district of North Down;
- (iv) the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Castlereagh, namely, Ballycultra, Holywood Rural and Craigavad;
- (v) the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Hillsborough, namely, Annahilt, Ballykeel, Ballymacbrennan, Ballyskeagh, Ballyworfy, Blaris, Carryduff, Dromara, Drumbo, Glassdrumman, Hillsborough, Maze, Ouley and Saintfield.

(b) Borough Constituencies

Belfast East

- (i) The following wards of the county borough of Belfast, namely, Pottinger and Victoria;
- (ii) the following district electoral divisions in the rural district of Castlereagh, namely, Ballyhackamore, Ballymaconaghy, Ballymiscaw, Castlereagh, Dundonald and Gilnakirk.

PART II (continued)

Name

Contents

Belfast North

The following wards of the county borough of Belfast, namely, Dock, Duncairn, Clifton and Shankill.

Belfast South

- (i) The following wards of the county borough of Belfast, namely, Cromac, Ormeau and Windsor;
- (ii) the following electoral divisions in the rural district of Lisburn, namely, Ardmore, Dunmurry, Finaghy and Upper Malone;
- (iii) the following electoral divisions in the rural district of Hillsborough, namely, Breda and Edenderry.

Belfast West

- (i) The following wards of the county borough of Belfast, namely, Court, Falls, St. Anne's, St. George's, Smithfield and Woodvale;
- (ii) the following electoral divisions in the rural district of Lisburn, namely, Andersonstown, Ballygammon and Ladybrook.

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