
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1982 No. 1838**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE****REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS****The Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1982***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - 22nd December 1982**Coming into Operation 5th January 1983*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of December 1982

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) and section 28(2) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973^(b) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland have submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated 27th October 1982, showing the constituencies into which they recommend, in accordance with the provisions of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 to 1979^(c), that Northern Ireland should be divided, together with a supplementary report showing the number of members they recommend should be returned to the Northern Ireland Assembly by each of those constituencies:

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

^(a) 1949 c.66.^(b) 1973 c.36.^(c) 1949 c.66, 1958 c.26 and 1979 c.15.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 3 of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949 (as enacted and as applied by section 28(4) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973) and section 28(5) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973(a), 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 1982.

(2) 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:—

- (a) any parliamentary election until a proclamation is issued by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament; or
- (b) the constitution of the House of Commons until the dissolution of the Parliament in being at the coming into operation of this Order; or
- (c) any election to the Northern Ireland Assembly before the next general election to that Assembly; or
- (d) the constitution of the Northern Ireland Assembly in being at the coming into operation of this Order.

2. For all the constituencies in Northern Ireland (which are described in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1948(b) or in the Parliamentary Constituencies (Northern Ireland) Order 1970(c), as the case may be) there shall be substituted the constituencies which are described in the Schedule to this Order by reference to circumstances as they existed on 27th October 1982.

3.—(1) Section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973(d) shall be amended by the substitution of the words “85 members” for the words “78 members”.

(2) For the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973(e), there shall be substituted the following Schedule:—

(a) Section 28(5) was substituted by section 1(5) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1979.

(b) 1948 c.65.

(c) S.I. 1970/1678.

(d) 1973 c.17.

(e) The Schedule was amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 2 to the Northern Ireland Act 1982 (c.38).

“SCHEDULE

MEMBERS TO BE RETURNED BY CONSTITUENCIES

<i>Constituency</i>	<i>Number of Members to be returned</i>
Belfast East	5
Belfast North	5
Belfast South	5
Belfast West	5
East Antrim	5
East Londonderry	5
Fermanagh and South Tyrone	5
Foyle	5
Lagan Valley	5
Mid Ulster	5
Newry and Armagh	5
North Antrim	5
North Down	5
Strangford	5
South Antrim.....	5
South Down.....	5
Upper Bann	5”.

4. The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland shall make such re-arrangement or adaptation of the registers of parliamentary electors as may be necessary to give effect to this Order.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

Article 2

SCHEDULE

(a) *County Constituencies*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contents</i>
East Antrim	(i) The local government districts of Carrickfergus and Larne; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Newtownabbey, namely, Bradan, Cloughfern, Coole, Dunanney, Hopefield, Monks-town, Rostulla, Whiteabbey and Whitehouse.
East Londonderry.....	(i) The local government districts of Coleraine and Limavady; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Magherafelt, namely, Bellaghy, Castledawson, Gulladuff, Knockcloughrim, Lower Glenshane, Maghera, Swatragh, Tobermore, Town Parks East, Town Parks West, Upperlands and Valley.
Fermanagh and South Tyrone ..	The local government districts of Dungannon and Fermanagh.
Foyle.....	(i) The local government district of Londonderry; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Strabane, namely, Artigarvan, Dunnamanagh, East, North, Slievekirk, South and West.
Lagan Valley.....	(i) The local government district of Lisburn; and (ii) the Carryduff ward of the local government district of Castlereagh.
Mid-Ulster	(i) The local government districts of Cookstown and Omagh; (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Magherafelt, namely, Ballymaguigan, Draperstown and Lecumpher; and (iii) the following wards of the local government district of Strabane, namely, Castlederg, Clare, Finn, Glenderg, Newtownstewart, Plumbridge, Sion Mills and Victoria Bridge.

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Newry and Armagh	(i) The local government district of Armagh; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Newry and Mourne, namely, Ballybot, Belleek, Bessbrook, Camlough, Creggan, Crossmaglen, Daisy Hill, Derrymore, Drumalane, Drumgullion, Fathom, Forkhill, Newtownhamilton, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, Tullyhappy and Windsor Hill.
North Antrim	The local government districts of Ballymena, Ballymoney and Moyle.
North Down	(i) The local government district of North Down; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Castlereagh, namely, Ballyhanwood, Carrowreagh, Dundonald, Enler, Gilnahirk and Tullycarnet.
Strangford.....	(i) The local government district of Ards; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Castlereagh, namely, Beechill, Fourwinds, Hillfoot, Lower Braniel, Minnowburn, Moneyreagh, Newtownbreda and Upper Braniel.
South Antrim	(i) The local government district of Antrim; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Newtownabbey, namely, Ballyclare, Ballyeaston, Ballyhenry, Ballynure, Carnmoney, Doagh, Glengormley, Jordanstown, Mallusk, Mossgrove, Mossley and Whitewell.
South Down	(i) The local government district of Down; (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Banbridge, namely, Annaclone, Ballyoolymore, Croob, Dromore, Drumadonnell, Garrahan, Quilly and Skeagh; and (iii) the following wards of the local government districts of Newry and Mourne, namely, Annalong, Ballycrossan, Binnian, Clonallan, Cranfield, Donaghmore, Drumgath, Kilkeel, Lisnacree, Rathfriland, Rostrevor, Seaview and Spelga.
Upper Bann	(i) The local government district of Craigavon; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Banbridge, namely, Ballydown, Central, Edenderry, Gilford, Lawrencetown, Loughbrickland and Seapatrick.

(b) *Borough Constituencies*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Contents</i>
Belfast East	(i) The following wards of the local government district of Belfast, namely, Ballyhackamore, Ballymacarrett, Belmont, Bloomfield, Island, Orangefield, Shandon, Stormont, Sydenham and The Mount; and (ii) the following wards of the local government district of Castlereagh, namely, Cregagh, Downshire, Lisnasharragh and Wynchurch.
Belfast North	The following wards of the local government district of Belfast, namely, Ardoyne, Ballysillan, Bellevue, Castlevue, Cavehill, Cliftonville, Crumlin, Duncairn, Fortwilliam, Grove, Legoniel, New Lodge, Shankill and Woodvale.
Belfast South.....	The following wards of the local government district of Belfast, namely, Ballynafeigh, Cromac, Donegall, Finaghy, Malone, Ormeau, Rosetta, St. George's, Stranmillis, University, Upper Malone, Willowfield and Windsor.
Belfast West	The following wards of the local government district of Belfast, namely, Andersonstown, Ballygomartin, Central, Clonard, Court, Falls, Grosvenor, Highfield, Ladybrook, Milltown, North Howard, St. James, Suffolk and Whiterock.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order gives effect without modifications to the recommendations contained in the report and supplementary report of the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland dated 27th October 1982. Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, this Order describe the constituencies into which Northern Ireland will be divided, but these constituencies will only have effect from the next parliamentary general election (see paragraph (a) of the proviso to Article 1(2)).

Article 3 amends the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973 in consequence to giving effect to those recommendations. Paragraph (1) of Article 3 amends section 1(1) of that Act so that the next Northern Ireland Assembly shall consist of 85 members. Paragraph (2) of Article 3 amends the Schedule to the 1973 Act by setting out the new constituencies and the number of members to be returned for each. These changes will only have effect from the next general election to the Assembly and the constitution of the present Assembly is unaffected by them (see paragraphs (c) and (d) of the proviso to Article 1(2)).

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