
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Local Authorities (Referendums)
(Petitions)(England) Regulations 2011

PART 2

Petitions and Referendums

Timing of referendum in consequence of valid petition

16.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a referendum in consequence of a valid petition shall be held no later than the end of the next ordinary day of election after the petition date.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where—

- (a) the petition date falls 4 months or less before the next ordinary day of election; or
- (b) the next ordinary day of election falls within the period of six months beginning with the date that is six months before the earliest date on which a second (or subsequent) referendum may lawfully be held in the area of the authority to whom the petition is addressed,

and, in such a case, a referendum in consequence of a valid petition shall be held no later than the end of the period of six months beginning with the petition date.

(3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where the Secretary of State holds a referendum in exercise of the power conferred by regulation 20.

(4) A referendum under this Part may not be held on—

- (a) a Saturday or Sunday;
- (b) Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁽¹⁾ in England; or
- (c) any day appointed as a day of public thanksgiving or mourning.