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PART 3

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 3

ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS REVIEWS

Principal areas

29 Review of electoral arrangements for principal area

- (1) The Commission must conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for each principal area at least once in every review period.
- (2) The Commission must, in respect of each review period—
 - (a) prepare and publish a programme which sets out its proposed timetable for conducting all the reviews required under subsection (1) during the period, and
 - (b) send a copy of the programme to the Welsh Ministers.
- (3) For the purposes of subsections (1) and (2) “review period” means—
 - (a) the period of 10 years beginning with the day on which this section comes into force, and
 - (b) each subsequent period of 10 years.
- (4) The Commission must comply with its duties in subsection (2)—
 - (a) in respect of the the first review period, as soon as possible after it begins, and
 - (b) in respect of each subsequent review period, before the period begins.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) The Commission may also, of its own initiative or at the request of a principal council, conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for a principal area.
- (6) But the Commission must not conduct a review under subsection (5) at the request of a principal council if it considers that doing so would impede the proper exercise of its functions.
- (7) The changes that the Commission may recommend in relation to a review under this section are—
- (a) such changes to the electoral arrangements for the principal area under review as appears to it appropriate, and
 - (b) in consequence of such change—
 - (i) such community boundary changes as it considers appropriate in relation to any community in the principal area,
 - (ii) such community council changes and changes to the electoral arrangements for such a community as it considers appropriate,
 - (iii) such preserved county changes as it considers appropriate.
- (8) The Commission must not, in any period of 9 months preceding the day of an ordinary council election under section 26 of the 1972 Act (elections of councillors), make or publish any recommendations relating to the electoral arrangements of a principal area.
- (9) In this Part, a reference to the electoral arrangements of a principal area is a reference to —
- (a) the number of members of the council for the principal area,
 - (b) the number, type and boundaries of the electoral wards into which the principal area is for the time being divided for the purpose of the election of members,
 - (c) the number of members to be elected for any electoral ward in the principal area, and
 - (d) the name of any electoral ward.
- (10) For the purposes of subsection (9)(b), a reference to the type of an electoral ward is a reference to whether the ward is a single or multiple member ward.
- (11) In this Part—
- “electoral ward” means any area for which members are elected to a local authority,
 - “multiple member ward” means an electoral ward in respect of which a specified number (greater than one) of members are to be elected for that ward, and
 - “single member ward” means an electoral ward in respect of which only one member is to be elected.