

These notes refer to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (c.1) which received Royal Assent on 20 January 2021

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTES

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

Part 1 – Elections

6. **Part 1** of the Act (including Schedules 1 and 2, though note that Schedule 1 also relates to Part 7 of the Act) contains provisions for the extension of the franchise for local government elections, provides for two voting systems for elections to principal councils; changes the electoral cycle for local government elections; provides for an alternative method to register local government electors; the qualification for, and disqualification from, membership of a local authority; returning officers' expenditure; and accessibility of election documents.