

WELSH ELECTIONS (CORONAVIRUS) ACT 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 13 –Effect of this Act on existing power to make provision about elections

37. The purpose of this section is to clarify that the Welsh Ministers' existing powers to make provision about the conduct of elections under section 13 of the 2006 Act and sections 36 and 36A of the Representation of the People Act 1983 are unaffected by provision made in the Act about elections.
38. **Section 13(1)** of the Act clarifies that section 13(7) of the 2006 Act, which requires orders made under section 13 of the 2006 Act to be subject to the affirmative procedure, does not apply to orders of the kind specified in section 12 of the Act. The made affirmative procedure applies to orders to which section 12 applies.
39. **Section 13(2)** clarifies that where rules of the kind specified in section 12 of the Act are made under section 36A, section 36A(10) of the 1983 Act (requirement for affirmative procedure) does not apply and the made affirmative procedure applies by virtue of section 12(3) of the Act.