



# Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020

## 2020 asp 12

### PART 1 **S**

#### GENERAL REFORMS

##### *Scottish local government elections*

#### 6 **Electronic voting** **S**

(1) The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 is amended in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).

(2) In section 2 (single transferable vote)—

- (a) the existing text becomes subsection (1),
- (b) in that subsection, for “marking on the ballot paper” substitute “specifying”,
- (c) after that subsection insert—

“(2) A preference is specified in accordance with subsection (1) by the person—

- (a) marking the preference on the ballot paper, or
- (b) communicating the preference by such electronic means as may be permitted by or under this Act or any other enactment.”.

(3) In section 3 (power to make further provision about local government elections), after subsection (2A) insert—

“(2B) The references to “ballot papers” and “transferred ballot paper” in subsection (2) are to be read as including any paper or electronic form used to record a vote communicated by electronic means.”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** [S. 6](#) in force at 1.10.2020 by [S.S.I. 2020/278](#), [reg. 2](#), [sch.](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020, Section 6.