



Government of Wales Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

[^{F1}SENEDD CYMRU]

Committees

28 Committees and sub-committees

- (1) The standing orders may provide—
 - (a) for the appointment of committees of the [^{F1}Senedd], and
 - (b) for such committees to have power to appoint sub-committees.
- (2) The members of a committee of the [^{F1}Senedd], or of a sub-committee of such a committee, may not include anyone who is not [^{F2}a Member of the Senedd].
- (3) The standing orders must make provision about the membership, chairing and procedure of committees of the [^{F1}Senedd] and sub-committees of such committees.
- (4) The standing orders may include provision for excluding from the proceedings of a committee of the [^{F1}Senedd], or a sub-committee of such a committee, [^{F2}a Member of the Senedd] who is not a member of the committee or sub-committee.
- (5) The validity of any proceedings of a committee of the [^{F1}Senedd], or of a sub-committee of such a committee, is not affected by—
 - (a) any vacancy in its membership,
 - (b) any defect in the appointment of its members or of the person who chairs it, or
 - (c) any failure to comply with provisions of the standing orders relating to procedure.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(19\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)-\(14\)](#))

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Commencement Information

I1 Ss. 1-94, 97-106 in force immediately after "the 2007 election" by s. 161(1) (subject to s. 161(4)(5))

F329 Composition of committees

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 29 omitted (31.3.2017) by virtue of [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), [ss. 14](#), 71(2)(b) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#))

30 Audit Committee

- (1) The committees of the [^{F1}Senedd] must include one to be known as the Audit Committee or Pwyllgor Archwilio or by such other name as the [^{F1}Senedd] may determine; and, if the [^{F1}Senedd] makes such a determination, references to the committee in—
 - (a) any enactment (including any enactment comprised in or made under this Act) or prerogative instrument, or
 - (b) any other instrument or document,
 have effect accordingly.
- (2) The Audit Committee is to have the number of members specified by the standing orders.
- (3) None of the following may be a member of the Audit Committee—
 - (a) the First Minister or any person designated to exercise the functions of the First Minister,
 - (b) a Welsh Minister appointed under section 48,
 - (c) the Counsel General or any person designated to exercise the functions of the Counsel General, or
 - (d) a Deputy Welsh Minister.
- (4) The Audit Committee must not be chaired by [^{F2}a Member of the Senedd] who is a member of a political group with an executive role.

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