

# Government of Wales Act 2006

## **2006 CHAPTER 32**

#### PART 4

# ACTS OF THE [F2SENEDD]

### Procedure

# [F1111A Bills with protected subject-matter: super-majority requirement

- (1) For the purposes of this Part a provision of a Bill relates to a protected subject-matter if it would modify, or confer power to modify, any of the matters listed in subsection (2) (but not if the provision is incidental to or consequential on another provision of the Bill).
- (2) The matters are—
  - (a) the name of the  $[F^2]$ Senedd,
  - (b) the persons entitled to vote as electors at an election for membership of the  $[^{F2}Senedd]$ ,
  - (c) the system by which members of the [F2Senedd] are returned,
  - (d) the specification or number of constituencies, regions or any equivalent electoral area,
  - (e) the number of members to be returned for each constituency, region or equivalent electoral area, and
  - (f) the number of persons who may hold the office of Welsh Minister appointed under section 48 or the office of Deputy Welsh Minister.
- (3) The Presiding Officer must, after the last time when a Bill may be amended but before the decision whether to pass or reject it—
  - (a) decide whether or not, in the view of the Presiding Officer, any provision of the Bill relates to a protected subject-matter, and
  - (b) state that decision.

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(4) If the Presiding Officer decides that any provision of the Bill relates to a protected subject-matter, the Bill is not passed unless the number of [F3Members of the Senedd] voting in favour of it at the final stage is at least two-thirds of the total number of [F2Senedd] seats.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1 Ss. 111A, 111B inserted (31.3.2017 for specified purposes, 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), ss. 9, 71(2)(c) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(c)
- F2 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))
- F3 Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(2), Sch. 1 para. 2(17) (with Sch. 1 para. 2(11)(12)(14))

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## Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 25(1A)(1B) inserted by 2024 asc 4 s. 4(1)(b)
- s. 25(7A) inserted by 2024 asc 4 s. 4(1)(h)
- s. 155A inserted by 2014 c. 29 s. 10
- Sch. 1A para. 8 and cross-heading inserted by 2024 asc 4 s. 6
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 92 omitted by 2017 c. 4 s. 48(1)(a)
- Sch. 7A Section C15 para. 93 words omitted by 2017 c. 4 s. 48(1)(b)
- Sch. 7B para. 10(2)(o) inserted by 2022 c. 30 s. 143
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) repealed by 2023 c. 54 Sch. 11 para. 1(b)
- Sch. 7B para. 11(6)(b)(x) word omitted by 2023 c. 54 s. 118(c)