



Government of Wales Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 32

PART 2

^{F1}WELSH ... GOVERNMENT

Ministers, staff etc.

47 Choice of First Minister

- (1) If one of the following events occurs, the [^{F1}Senedd] must, before the end of the relevant period, nominate [^{F2}a Member of the Senedd] for appointment as First Minister.
- (2) The events are—
 - (a) the holding of a poll at a general election,
 - (b) the [^{F1}Senedd] resolving that the Welsh Ministers no longer enjoy the confidence of the [^{F1}Senedd],
 - (c) the First Minister tendering resignation to Her Majesty,
 - (d) the First Minister dying or becoming permanently unable to act and to tender resignation, and
 - (e) the First Minister ceasing to be [^{F2}a Member of the Senedd] otherwise than by reason of a dissolution.
- (3) The relevant period is the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the event occurs; but—
 - (a) if another of those events occurs within that period, the relevant period is (subject to paragraph (b)) extended to end with the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which that other event occurs, and
 - (b) the relevant period ends if the [^{F1}Senedd] passes a resolution under section 5(2)(a) or when Her Majesty appoints a person as the First Minister.
- (4) The Presiding Officer must recommend to Her Majesty the appointment of the person nominated by the [^{F1}Senedd] under subsection (1).

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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\(11\)-\(14\)](#))
- F2** Words in Act substituted (6.5.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(2), [Sch. 1 para. 2\(15\)](#) (with [Sch. 1 para. 2\(11\)\(12\)\(14\)](#))
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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))

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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\(c\)](#)