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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 329**

**The Somerset (Structural Changes) Order 2022**

**PART 1**

**GENERAL**

**Citation, commencement, extent and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Somerset (Structural Changes) Order 2022 and comes into force on the day after the day on which the Order is made.

(2) This Order extends to England and Wales and applies in England only.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“the 1972 Act” means the Local Government Act 1972(1);

“the 2000 Act” means the Local Government Act 2000(2);

“the 2007 Act” means the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

“Somerset”, except in the definition of “the Somerset Council” and the second mention of those words in article 3(2) means the County of Somerset;

“the 2022 election” means the election required by article 13(1) to be held in 2022;

“the 2022 election day” means the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022(3);

“the article 7 functions” has the meaning given by article 6(2)(b);

“the district councils” means Mendip District Council, Sedgemoor District Council, Somerset West and Taunton Council and South Somerset Council;

“the Somerset Council” means the council of the county of Somerset;

“the first transitional period” means the period beginning on the date on which this Order comes into force and ending on the fourth day after the 2022 election day;

“the Implementation Executive” means the committee established (whether before or after the coming into force of this Order) for the purposes of article 6(3);

“the main transitional function” has the meaning given by article 6(1);

“the second transitional period” means the period beginning on the fourth day after the 2022 election day and ending on 1st April 2023.

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(1) 1972 c. 70.

(2) 2000 c. 22. Parts 2 and 3 of that Act were amended by Part 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28). Part 1A and Schedule A1 were inserted by Schedule 2 to the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20).

(3) See section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).