Draft Legislation: This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: The Postponement of Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2023 No. 290

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under section 11(1) of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 (c. 14 (N.I.)), elections to district councils in Northern Ireland are to take place every fourth year from 2019. Section 11(1A) states that, in each election year, elections are to take place on the first Thursday in May. This Order amends that provision such that, in 2023, elections to district councils in Northern Ireland are to take place on 18th May (and not on 4th May).

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector or community bodies is foreseen.