



# Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

## 1973 CHAPTER 65

### PART I

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS, AUTHORITIES AND ELECTIONS

##### *Election of Councillors*

#### **4 Term of office and retirement of councillors**

- (1) Councillors for a local government area shall be elected by the local government electors for that area in accordance with this Act and Part I of the Act of 1949.
- (2) The ordinary election of councillors for a regional or islands council shall take place in 1974 and every fourth year thereafter.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (6) below and of section 37(3) of this Act, the term of office of regional or islands councillors shall be four years and they shall retire together at the end of such term on the day of the ordinary election of such councillors.
- (4) The first ordinary election of councillors for a district council shall take place in 1974, the second such election shall take place in 1977 and the third such election shall take place in 1980; thereafter such elections shall take place every fourth year.
- (5) Subject to the provisions of subsection (6) below and of section 37(3) of this Act, the term of office of district councillors shall be
  - (a) for those elected in 1974 and 1977, three years ;
  - (b) for those elected in 1980 and later, four years ;and they shall retire together at the end of such term on the day of the ordinary election of district councillors.
- (6) A person elected to the office of councillor at an election held under the provisions of section 9 or 10 of this Act shall hold office only until the day of the next ordinary election.