



Local Government and Rating Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 29

PART II

PARISHES AND PARISH COUNCILS

Establishment and review

17 Electoral arrangements

- (1) Where a district council or unitary county council by order establish a separate parish council for a parish under section 16, they must by the order—
 - (a) make any electoral arrangements which appear to them to be necessary for the separate parish council, and
 - (b) make any other provision which appears to them to be necessary for the election of the parish council in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and Part I of the Representation of the People Act 1983.
- (2) A district council or unitary county council may conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for the council of a parish in their area for the purpose of considering whether or not to make any changes to the arrangements and, if so, what changes.
- (3) If following a review under this section the council decide that changes should be made to the electoral arrangements, they may by order give effect to all or any of the changes.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not apply if the electoral arrangements for the parish council have been made or altered by or in pursuance of an order under section 14, or by an order under Part IV of the Local Government Act 1972 or section 17 of the Local Government Act 1992, and—
 - (a) the period of five years beginning with the day on which the order was made has not expired, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State has not consented to the council making the changes.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) The power of a council to make an order under this section includes power to vary or revoke any order previously made under section 16 or this section.