



Representation of the People Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 2

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

General

17 Citation, construction, commencement and extent

(1) This Act may be cited as the Representation of the People Act 2000, and shall be included among the Acts that may be cited as the Representation of the People Acts.

(2) In this Act—

“the 1983 Act” means the Representation of the People Act 1983;

“enactment” includes—

- (a) any provision of an Act (including this Act),
- (b) any provision of, or of any instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
- (c) any provision of, or of any instrument made under, Northern Ireland legislation, and
- (d) any provision of subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978);

“local election” has the same meaning as in the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962;

“local government area” has the meaning given by section 203(1) of the 1983 Act;

“local government election” has the meaning given (for England and Wales) by section 203(1) of the 1983 Act or (for Scotland) by section 204(1) of that Act;

“modifications” includes additions, omissions and amendments (and “modify” has a corresponding meaning).

(3) Apart from—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) sections 10, 11, 14 and 16 and this section,
- (b) Schedule 5, and
- (c) paragraph 6 of Schedule 6,

this Act does not come into force until such date as the Secretary of State may appoint by order made by statutory instrument; and different dates may be so appointed for different purposes.

- (4) An order under subsection (3) may contain such transitional provisions and savings (including provisions modifying enactments) as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) Subject to subsections (6) to (9), this Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (6) The following provisions extend to England, Wales and Scotland—
 - (a) section 12 and Schedule 4,
 - (b) paragraph 7 of Schedule 6, and
 - (c) Part II of Schedule 7.
- (7) Sections 10 and 11 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 extend only to England and Wales.
- (8) The amendments made by section 14 have the same extent as the Greater London Authority Act 1999.
- (9) The following provisions extend only to Northern Ireland—
 - (a) Schedule 3,
 - (b) paragraphs 13 to 17 of Schedule 6, and
 - (c) Part III of Schedule 7.