



Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 25

Northern Ireland Assembly constituencies

12 Effect of Orders in Council under the 1986 Act on NI Assembly constituencies

- (1) Section 33 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Assembly constituencies and numbers of members) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (3) (effect on Assembly constituencies of Orders in Council under the 1986 Act), for paragraph (a) substitute—
 - “(a) the first election under section 31 or 32 for which the notice of election, which is required to be published under Assembly Election Rules, is published—
 - (i) on a day after the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which the Order comes into force, or
 - (ii) if sooner, on or after the day on which Parliament is dissolved prior to the first parliamentary general election in relation to which the Order has effect; and”.
- (3) After subsection (3) insert—
 - “(4) In subsection (3), “Assembly Election Rules” means the rules in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983, as applied by Article 3 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001 ([S.I. 2001/2599](#)).”