



Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 25

Rules for the distribution of seats

6 Taking account of local government boundaries

- (1) Rule 5 of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (factors a Boundary Commission may take into account) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) In rule 5(1) (list of factors), for paragraph (b) substitute—
 - “(b) local government boundaries which exist, or are prospective, on the review date;”.
- (3) After rule 5(1) insert—
 - “(1A) In the case of a local government boundary which is prospective on the review date, it is that boundary rather than any existing boundary which it replaces, which may be taken into account under sub-paragraph (1)(b).”
- (4) In rule 9 of Schedule 2 to the 1986 Act (interpretation), after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
 - “(3A) A local government boundary is “prospective” on a particular date if, on that date—
 - (a) it is specified in a provision of primary or secondary legislation, but
 - (b) that provision is not yet in force for all purposes.
 - (3B) For that purpose—
 - (a) “primary legislation” means—
 - (i) an Act of Parliament,
 - (ii) an Act of the Scottish Parliament,
 - (iii) an Act of Senedd Cymru, or
 - (iv) Northern Ireland legislation, and
 - (b) “secondary legislation” means an instrument made under primary legislation.”