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1979 No. 471

## WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment)  
Order 1979**
*Laid before Parliament in draft*

Made - - - - 10th April 1979

Coming into Operation 11th April 1979

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, acting jointly in the exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 2(4), 3(1) and (9), and 36(2) of the Water Act 1973(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows, in the terms of a draft approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This order may be cited as the South West Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

*Amendment of South West Water Authority Constitution Order 1973*

2. The South West Water Authority Constitution Order 1973(b) is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) in article 4(1) (which specifies the total number of members to be appointed to the South West Water Authority) for the word “fifteen” there shall be substituted the word “sixteen”;
- (b) in column (2) of Schedule 2 (Numbers of Members to be Appointed by Local Authorities), opposite the words from “East Devon” to “West Devon” in column (1), for the words “Two between them” there shall be substituted the words “Three between them”.

*Transitional provision*

3. Any person who is a member of the South West Water Authority on the day on which this order comes into operation shall hold office for the term for which he would have held office if this order had not been made.

9th April 1979.

*Peter Shore,*  
Secretary of State for the Environment.

(a) 1973 c. 37.

(b) S.I. 1973/1307.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th April 1979.

(L.S.)

*John Silkin,*  
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

The South West Water Authority Constitution Order 1973 defined the constitution of the South West Water Authority, one of the ten regional water authorities established for England and Wales under the Water Act 1973, and provided that the Authority should consist of fifteen members, of whom four were to be appointed by county councils specified in the order and four by groups of district councils so specified.

This order amends the 1973 order so as to provide that the South West Water Authority shall consist of sixteen members, of whom four are to be appointed by specified county councils and five by specified groups of district councils.

The terms of office of existing members of the Authority are not affected by this order. The member appointed to fill the place newly created by the order will come into office (subject to paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973) on 1st June 1979 and will hold office for a term of four years.

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