
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect without modification to the recommendations set out in the report and supplementary report of the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland dated 20th June 1995. The report sets out proposals for parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland consequent on a review by the Commission of the representation in the House of Commons of Northern Ireland.

Article 2 of, and the Schedule to, this Order give effect to those proposals. By virtue of section 4(6) of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, the coming into force of this Order does not affect any parliamentary election until a proclamation is issued by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament, or affect the constitution of the House of Commons until the dissolution of the Parliament then in being.

Article 3 of this Order amends the Northern Ireland Assembly Act 1973 in consequence of giving effect to the recommendations in the supplementary report. Article 3(1) amends section 1(1) of that Act so that any future Northern Ireland Assembly shall consist of 90 members. Article 3(2) amends the Schedule to that Act by setting out the new constituencies and the number of members to be returned for each.