
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 329

The Somerset (Structural Changes) Order 2022

PART 5

ELECTORAL MATTERS

Cancellation of parish council elections, etc

- 15.**—(1) Notwithstanding section 16(3) of the 1972 Act (election of parish councillors)—
- (a) ordinary elections are not to be held in 2023 for the return of councillors to the council of any parish in Somerset;
 - (b) elections of parish councillors for those parishes in which, but for paragraph (a), elections would have been held in 2023 are to be held on the ordinary day of elections in 2022 and 2027 and every four years thereafter; and
 - (c) the term of office of those parish councillors elected in 2022 or at any subsequent by-election held before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027 ends on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027⁽¹⁾.
- (2) In this article “council of any parish in Somerset” means a council which was in existence on 31st March 2022.

⁽¹⁾ Under section 16(3) of the Local Government Act 1972, the term of office of parish councillors is four years.