

Draft Regulations laid before Senedd Cymru under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, for approval by resolution of Senedd Cymru.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations set a revised date for the end of the period during which a revised version of the electoral register of local government electors for the county or county borough local government areas in Wales for 2020 must be published in accordance with section 13(1)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (“the 1983 Act”).

Regulation 2(1) applies to the publication by a registration officer (see section 8 of the 1983 Act) for a county or county borough area in Wales of the revised register of local government electors maintained by that officer under section 9(1)(b) of the 1983 Act.

Regulation 2(2) sets the date by which that register must be published as 1 February 2021.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations as they implement a routine technical amendment which has no impact, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors.

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Made ***

Coming into force ***

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 13(1)(a) and 201(1) and (3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(1) (“the 1983 Act”) and now exercisable by them(2).

The Welsh Ministers have consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(3).

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- (1) 1983 c. 2. Section 13(1) was substituted by section 5(1) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 33). See section 202(1) for the meaning of “prescribed”. Section 201(1) was amended by paragraph 6(1) and (7)(a) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). Section 201(3) was inserted by paragraphs 1 and 21 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2), and amended by paragraph 6(1) and (7)(d) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.
- (2) The power of the Secretary of State was transferred, in relation to Wales, to the Welsh Ministers by the Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/644).
- (3) 2000 c. 41.

A draft of these Regulations was laid before, and approved by resolution of Senedd Cymru in accordance with section 201(2)(1) of the 1983 Act(2).

Title, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Representation of the People (Electoral Register Publication Date) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 1 October 2020.

(3) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

(4) In these Regulations, “the 1983 Act” means the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Date for publication of revised register for 2020

2.—(1) This regulation applies to the requirement under section 13(1)(a) of the 1983 Act for registration officers to publish, for the year 2020, a revised version of the register maintained in respect of county or county borough local government areas in Wales under section 9(1)(b) of the 1983 Act(3).

(2) The date for the end of the period described in section 13(1)(a) of the 1983 Act, being the period during which the revised register must be published, is 1 February 2021.

Name

Minister for Housing and Local Government, one of the Welsh Ministers

Date

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- (1) The reference to each House of Parliament in section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 is to be read as a reference to the National Assembly for Wales by virtue of paragraph 9(2)(b) of Schedule 3 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32). The National Assembly for Wales was renamed Senedd Cymru by virtue of section 2 of the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1).
- (2) Section 201(2) was substituted by section 24 of, and paragraph 69 of Schedule 4 to, the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), and was amended by paragraph 6(1) and (7)(b) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000.
- (3) Section 9 was substituted by paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000.