

# HYSBYSIAD YNGHYLCH GWELLIANNAU NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS

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## Bil Senedd Cymru (Aelodau ac Etholiadau) Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

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Section 19, page 13, after line 3, insert –

- (c) when carrying out a review of Part 2 of this Act in accordance with subsection (2)(a), the committee must take into account the principles listed and described in Table 1 –

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Adran 19, tudalen 13, ar ôl llinell 3, mewnosoder –

- (c) cynnig bod rhaid i'r pwyllgor, wrth gynnal adolygiad o Ran 2 o'r Ddeddf hon yn unol ag is-adran (2)(a), ystyried yr egwyddorion a restrir ac a ddisgrifir yn Nhabl 1 –

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Dewis i bleidleiswyr.	Dylai'r system etholiadol alluogi pleidleiswyr i nodi dewis o ran rhestr plaid, ymgeisydd sydd wedi ei enwi ar restr plaid neu ymgeisydd unigol.
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Page 13, after line 3, insert a new section –

**[ ] Review of operation of the Act by the Welsh Ministers after 2026 general election**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers must, before the end of the period of six months beginning with the first day after the end of the reporting period, prepare and publish a report on the operation and effect of the provisions of the 2006 Act that are amended, or inserted into that Act, by Parts 1 and 2 of this Act (the Senedd and its Members, the number of Welsh Ministers, and the voting system in general elections etc.).
- (2) Before preparing a report for the purposes of subsection (1), the Welsh Ministers must –
  - (a) carry out a public consultation, and
  - (b) consult –
    - (i) the Electoral Commission,
    - (ii) the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru,
    - (iii) constituency returning officers,
    - (iv) registered political parties that have submitted a list of candidates to be Members of the Senedd at the first general election the poll for which is held after 6 April 2026,
    - (v) third sector bodies,
    - (vi) persons the Welsh Ministers consider to be independent and to have relevant expertise, and
    - (vii) any other persons the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) The report published under subsection (1) must be laid before the Senedd.
- (4) When carrying out a review of Part 2 of this Act in accordance with subsection (1), the Welsh Ministers must take into account the principles listed and described in Table 1 –

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(5) In subsection (1), “reporting period” means –

- (a) for sections 1, 2 and 6 and Part 2, the period beginning with the day the provisions come into force in accordance with section 24(2) of this Act, and ending on the day after the first meeting of the Senedd following the first general election the poll for which is held after 6 April 2026;
- (b) for sections 3, 4 and 5, the period beginning with the day the provisions come into force in accordance with section 24(3) of this Act, and ending on the day after the first meeting of the Senedd following the first general election the poll for which is held after 6 April 2026.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b) –

- (a) “constituency returning officer” has the meaning given by section 7(6) of the 2006 Act;
- (b) “registered political party” has the meaning given by section 6(2) of the 2006 Act;
- (c) “third sector body” means a body (other than a public body) whose activities are carried on otherwise than for profit.’.

Tudalen 13, ar ôl llinell 3, mewnosoder adran newydd –

**[ ] Adolygiad o weithrediad y Ddeddf gan Weinidogion Cymru ar ôl etholiad cyffredinol 2026**

- (1) Rhaid i Weinidogion Cymru, cyn diwedd y cyfnod o chwe mis sy'n dechrau â'r diwrnod cyntaf ar ôl diwedd y cyfnod adrodd, lunio a chyhoeddi adroddiad ar weithrediad ac effaith darpariaethau Deddf 2006 a gaiff eu diwygio, neu eu mewnosod yn y Ddeddf honno, gan Rannau 1 a 2 o'r Ddeddf hon (y Senedd a'i Haelodau, nifer Gweinidogion Cymru, a'r system bleidleisio mewn etholiadau cyffredinol etc.).
- (2) Cyn llunio adroddiad at ddibenion is-adran (1), rhaid i Weinidogion Cymru –

- (a) cynnal ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus, a
- (b) ymgynghori â'r canlynol –
  - (i) y Comisiwn Etholiadol,
  - (ii) Comisiwn Democratiaeth a Ffiniau Cymru,
  - (iii) swyddogion canlyniadau etholaethol,
  - (iv) pleidiau gwleidyddol cofrestredig sydd wedi cyflwyno rhestr o ymgeiswyr i fod yn Aelodau o'r Senedd yn yr etholiad cyffredinol cyntaf y cynhelir y bleidlais ar ei gyfer ar ôl 6 Ebrill 2026,
  - (v) cyrff trydydd sector,
  - (vi) personau y mae Gweinidogion Cymru yn ystyried eu bod yn annibynnol a bod ganddynt arbenigedd perthnasol, a
  - (vii) unrhyw bersonau eraill y mae Gweinidogion Cymru yn ystyried eu bod yn briodol.
- (3) Rhaid i'r adroddiad a gyhoeddir o dan is-adran (1) gael ei osod gerbron y Senedd.
- (4) Wrth gynnal adolygiad o Ran 2 o'r Ddeddf hon yn unol ag is-adran (1), rhaid i Weinidogion Cymru ystyried yr egwyddorion a restrir ac a ddisgrifir yn Nhabl 1 –

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(5) Yn is-adran (1), ystyr “cyfnod adrodd” yw –

- (a) ar gyfer adrannau 1, 2 a 6 a Rhan 2, y cyfnod sy'n dechrau â'r diwrnod y daw'r darpariaethau i rym yn unol ag adran 24(2) o'r Ddeddf hon, ac sy'n dod i ben drannoeth cyfarfod cyntaf y Senedd yn dilyn yr etholiad cyffredinol cyntaf y cynhelir y bleidlais ar ei gyfer ar ôl 6 Ebrill 2026;
- (b) ar gyfer adrannau 3, 4 a 5, y cyfnod sy'n dechrau â'r diwrnod y daw'r darpariaethau i rym yn unol ag adran 24(3) o'r Ddeddf hon, ac sy'n dod i ben drannoeth cyfarfod cyntaf y Senedd yn dilyn yr etholiad cyffredinol cyntaf y cynhelir y bleidlais ar ei gyfer ar ôl 6 Ebrill 2026.

(6) At ddibenion is-adran (2)(b) –

- (a) mae i “swyddog canlyniadau etholaethol” yr ystyr a roddir i “constituency returning officer” gan adran 7(6) o Ddeddf 2006;
- (b) mae i “plaid wleidyddol gofrestredig” yr ystyr a roddir i “registered political party” gan adran 6(2) o Ddeddf 2006;
- (c) ystyr “corff trydydd sector” yw corff (heblaw corff cyhoeddus) y cynhelir ei weithgareddau ac eithrio i wneud elw.’.

