



Local Government (Wales) Act 2015

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Electoral arrangements etc. for new principal areas

23 Electoral regulations if no recommendations made

- (1) If the Commission has not submitted to the Welsh Ministers a report containing recommendations from the Commission in relation to an initial review relating to a proposed principal area by the date specified in the direction requiring it to be conducted, the Welsh Ministers may make regulations under subsection (2).
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make the provision they consider appropriate for the electoral arrangements for the proposed principal area and any provision they consider appropriate for relevant consequential changes.
- (3) The Commission must provide the Welsh Ministers with any information relating to any matters which have come to its attention in consequence of—
 - (a) any consultation under section 19,
 - (b) any investigation under section 20,
 - (c) the preparation of a report under section 20 or 21, or
 - (d) anything else done in the conduct of the initial review,as the Welsh Ministers may reasonably require.
- (4) If the Welsh Ministers make regulations under subsection (2) in relation to a proposed principal area, the Commission must conduct its first review of the principal area under section 29 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 as soon as possible after the day of the first ordinary election of councillors to the principal local authority for the principal area and, in any event, before the day of the next one.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations vary or revoke regulations under subsection (2) (or this subsection).