

*These notes relate to the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland)
Act 2000 (asp 7) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2000*

ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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The Act

Part 3

General and Miscellaneous Provisions Relating to **Parts 1 and 2**

Section 29 Suspension and disqualification of councillors: supplementary and consequential provisions

64. Section 35 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 makes provision as to the vacation of office by councillors who fail to attend council meetings. This section amends section 35 so that absence from meetings during a period of suspension under sections 19 and 21(2) of this Act or under section 103F or 103G of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 is left out of the account for the purposes of section 35(1) and does not result in the vacating of office. Section 36 of the 1973 Act, which deals with the date when casual vacancies in office occur, is amended to provide that, where a councillor is disqualified from office under section 19, a casual vacancy is deemed to arise on the date on which the office becomes vacant by operation of section 19(3).