



# Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020

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##### *Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973*

- 1 (1) The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 is amended as...

##### *House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975*

- 2 In Part 2 of schedule 1 of the House of...

##### *Scotland Act 1998*

- 3 (1) Schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998 is amended...

##### *Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002*

- 4 In Part 2 of schedule 2 of the Scottish Public...

##### *Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002*

- 5 In Part 7 of schedule 1 of the Freedom of...

##### *Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003*

- 6 In schedule 2 of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies...

##### *Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010*

- 7 (1) The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 is amended...

##### *Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011*

- 8 In the schedule of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011,...

##### *Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014*

- 9 In Part 3 of the schedule of the Procurement Reform...

##### *Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018*

- 10 In schedule 1 of the Gender Representation on Public Boards...

##### *Islands (Scotland) Act 2018*

- 11 In section 20 of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 (reviews...

##### *Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001*

- 12 In regulation 100(1) of the Representation of the People (Scotland)...

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*Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Codes of Conduct for Members of certain Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2006*

- 13 In the schedule of the Ethical Standards in Public Life...

*Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2015*

- 14 In Part 1 of the schedule of the Scottish Parliament...

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