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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 311 (C. 20)**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

The Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (Commencement  
No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021

*Made* - - - - 10th September 2021  
*Laid before the Scottish  
Parliament* - - - - 14th September 2021  
*Coming into force* - - 29th September 2021

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 35(2) and (3) of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 29 September 2021.

(2) In these Regulations, “the 2020 Act” means the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020.

**Appointed Day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the 2020 Act specified in column 1 of the table in the schedule (the subject matter of which is specified in column 2 of that table) is 29 September 2021.

**Transitional Provision**

3. The provisions of the 2020 Act brought into force by these Regulations do not have effect in relation to an election for which the date of poll is on or before 4 May 2022.

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St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
10th September 2021

*GEORGE ADAM*  
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

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Section 20	Electoral Commission: election expenses at Scottish local government elections
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE***(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force sections 5, 10, 12, 20 and 21 of the Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (“the 2020 Act”) on 29 September 2021.

By virtue of regulation 3 of these Regulations, section 5, 10, 12, 20 and 21 of the 2020 Act do not have effect in relation to a Scottish local government election held on or before 4 May 2022.

The Bill for the 2020 Act received Royal Assent on 8 July 2020. Part 5 of the 2020 Act came into force on the following day.

**NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS***(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The following provisions of the 2020 Act have been brought into force by commencement regulations made before the date of these Regulations.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of commencement</i>	<i>Instrument number</i>
Section 1	1 October 2020	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2020/278</a>
Section 2	14 May 2021	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2021/124</a>
Section 3	1 October 2020	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2020/278</a>
Section 4	14 May 2021	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2021/124</a>
Sections 6 to 9	1 October 2020	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2020/278</a>

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Section 11	1 October 2020	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2020/278</a>
Section 13 to 19	1 October 2020	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2020/278</a>
Sections 22 to 27	1 October 2020	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2020/278</a>
Sections 28 to 33	14 May 2021	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2021/124</a>
Schedule	14 May 2021	<a href="#">S.S.I. 2021/124</a>