

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

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PART I

GENERAL ORGANISATION OF REGISTRATION SERVICE

Local Organisation

6 Alteration of registration districts

- (1) If a local registration authority or two or more adjoining local registration authorities consider it expedient that the number, boundaries or titles of the registration districts within their area or areas, as the case may be, should be altered they may, after consultation with the Registrar General, prepare and submit to the Secretary of State a scheme for that purpose.
- (2) A scheme under this section shall specify the date on which the scheme is to come into operation, and may specify different dates for different provisions of the scheme.
- (3) Before a scheme under this section is submitted to the Secretary of State the local registration authority or authorities, as the case may be, shall publish in at least two newspapers circulating in their area a notice—
 - (a) stating the general effect of the scheme ;
 - (b) specifying a place in the area where a copy of the scheme, and of any relevant map, may be inspected by any person free of charge at all reasonable hours during a period of one month from the date of the publication of the notice ; and
 - (c) stating that, within the said period, any person may by notice to the Secretary of State object to the approval of the scheme.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, if he thinks fit, cause a local inquiry to be held in respect of any scheme submitted to him under this section; and subsections (2) to (9) of section 355 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 shall apply in relation to any

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such inquiry, with the substitution for any reference to the local authority of a reference to the local registration authority and with any other necessary modifications.

- (5) The Secretary of State, after considering any representations duly made to him, and, where a local inquiry is held, the report of the person who held the inquiry, may approve, with or without modifications, any scheme submitted to him under this section; and the scheme as so approved shall have effect accordingly.
- (6) A scheme under this section may contain such incidental, consequential or supplemental provisions as may appear necessary or proper for the purposes of the scheme, and may be varied or revoked by a subsequent scheme under this section.