



Local Government Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 70

PART II

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS AND AUTHORITIES IN WALES

Communities

35 Community councillors.

(1) Community councillors shall be elected by the local government electors for the community in accordance with this Act and Part I of the [^{F1}Representation of the People Act 1983].

[^{F2}(2) There shall be ordinary elections of community councillors in [^{F3}2022] and in every [^{F4}five] year thereafter.

(2A) The term of office of the community councillors shall be [^{F5}five] years.

(2B) On the fourth day after any such ordinary election—

- (a) the persons who were councillors immediately before the election shall retire; and
- (b) the newly elected councillors shall assume office.]

(3) Where a community is not divided into community wards there shall be one election of community councillors for the whole community.

(4) Where a community is divided into community wards there shall be a separate election of community councillors for each ward.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by [Representation of the People Act 1983 \(c. 2, SIF 42\)](#), s. 206, [Sch. 8 para. 12](#)

F2 S. 35(2)(2A)(2B) substituted for s. 35(2) (3.4.1995) by [1994 c. 19, s. 15](#) (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), [Sch. 17 paras. 22\(1\), 23\(2\)](#)); [S.I. 1995/852](#), art. 3(1), [Sch. 1](#)

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- F3** Word in s. 35(2) substituted (W.) (6.11.2019) by [The Local Authorities \(Change to the Years of Ordinary Elections\) \(Wales\) Order 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1269\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(3)**
- F4** Word in s. 35(2) substituted (W.) (20.3.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), **ss. 15(2)**, 175(3)(d)
- F5** Word in s. 35(2A) substituted (W.) (20.3.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), **ss. 15(3)**, 175(3)(d)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)