



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART IV

#### CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **73 Alteration of local boundaries consequent on alteration of water-course.**

- (1) Where, in the exercise of any power [<sup>F1</sup>conferred by the conferred by the Water Resources Act 1991, the Land Drainage Act 1991 or] any other enactment, a water-course forming a boundary line between two or more areas of local government [<sup>F2</sup>in England] is straightened, widened or otherwise altered so as to affect its character as a boundary line, the drainage board or other persons under whose authority the alteration is made shall forthwith send notice of the alteration to the Secretary of State.
- (2) If after consultation with [<sup>F3</sup>the [<sup>F4</sup>Local Government Boundary Commission for England]]<sup>F5</sup>... the Secretary of State is satisfied that, having regard to the alteration specified in the notice, a new boundary line may conveniently be adopted, he may by order declare that such line as may be specified in the order (whether or not consisting wholly or in part of the line of the water-course as altered) shall be substituted for so much of the boundary line as, before the alteration, lay along the line of the water-course; and where such an order is made the limits of the areas of which the water-course, before the alteration, was the boundary shall be deemed to be varied accordingly.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall, in such manner as he thinks appropriate, publish notice of any order made by him under this section.
- [<sup>F6</sup>(4) For the purposes of this section a preserved county is an area of local government.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 73(1) substituted (1.12.1991) by [Water Consolidation \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1991](#) (c. 60, SIF 130), ss. 2(1), 4(2), **Sch. 1**, para. 22(1).
- F2** Words in s. 73(1) inserted (30.9.2013) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 4), s. 75(2)(d), **Sch. 1 para. 1(6)**
- F3** Words in s. 73(2) substituted (31.10.1992) by [Local Government Act 1992](#) (c. 19), s. 27(1), **Sch. 3 para. 17**; S.I. 1992/2371, **art. 2**
- F4** Words in s. 73(2) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), ss. 67(1), 148(3), **Sch. 4 para. 3**; S.I. 2009/3318, **art. 4(ff)**
- F5** Words in s. 73(2) repealed (30.9.2013) by [Local Government \(Democracy\) \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 4), s. 75(2)(d), **Sch. 2**
- F6** S. 73(4) added (24.10.1994) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 19** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1994/2790, art. 2(1), **Sch.**

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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](#)