

SCHEDULES

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Section 28.

RULES TO BE OBSERVED IN CONSIDERING ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies to the consideration by the Secretary of State or the Boundary Commission of the electoral arrangements for election of councillors of local government areas.
- (2) Having regard to any change in the number or distribution of electors of a local government area likely to take place within the period of five years immediately following the consideration—
 - (a) the number of local government electors shall be, as nearly as may be, the same in every electoral area of that local government area;
 - (b) every regional electoral division shall lie wholly within a single district;
 - (c) every district ward shall lie wholly within a single regional electoral division.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) above, in considering the electoral arrangements referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above regard shall be had to—
 - (a) the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable;
 - (b) any local ties which would be broken by the fixing of any particular boundary.
- 2 The strict application of the rule stated in paragraph 1(2)(a) above may be departed from in any area where special geographical considerations appear to render a departure desirable.