



# Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 3

### *Franchise for local elections*

#### **1 Local electors in Northern Ireland.**

[<sup>F1</sup>(1) A person is entitled to vote as an elector at a local election in any district electoral area if on the date of the poll he—

- (a) is registered in the register of local electors for that area;
- (b) is not subject to any legal incapacity to vote (age apart);
- (c) is a Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a relevant citizen of the Union, and
- (d) is of the age of eighteen or over.]

(3) A person is not entitled to vote as an elector—

- (a) more than once in the same district electoral area at any local election, or
- (b) in more than one district electoral area at a local general election for any district.

(4) For the purposes of this section, a person does not attain the age of eighteen years until the beginning of the relevant anniversary of the day of his birth.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 1(1) substituted for s. 1(1)(2) (29.1.2001 for specified purposes and otherwise 16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 2, s. 8, **Sch. 3 para. 2**; S.I. 2001/116, **art. 2(1)(2)**

**Changes to legislation:**

Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 December 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 1(1)(c) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 9\(2\)](#)

**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):

- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 11A11B inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 9\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 7A substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 9\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 12(b) substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 9\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 7 words inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 9\(5\)\(a\)](#)