



Government of Wales Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 38

PART III

ASSEMBLY PROCEDURE

Commencement Information

- II** Part III wholly in force: Ss. 50, 51 in force at Royal assent, see [s. 158](#); [Ss. 46-49](#), [52-79](#) in force at 1.12.1998 by [S.I. 1998/2789](#), [art. 2](#)

Introductory

46 Regulation of procedure.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** [S. 46](#) repealed by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 161, 163, [Sch. 12](#) (with [Sch. 11](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) (which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007)) and [s. 161\(6\)](#) of the amending Act - see [ss. 46](#), [161\(1\)\(4\)-\(6\)](#) of the amending Act.

47 Equal treatment of English and Welsh languages.

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Textual Amendments

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48 Equal opportunities in conduct of business.

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 48 repealed by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 161, 163, [Sch. 12](#) (with [Sch. 11](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) (which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007)) and [s. 161\(6\)](#) of the amending Act - see [ss. 46, 161\(1\)\(4\)-\(6\)](#) of the amending Act.

Initial provisions

49 First meeting.

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Textual Amendments

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50 First standing orders.

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Textual Amendments

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51 **The Commissioners.**

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Offices and committees

52 **Presiding officer and deputy.**

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53 **Assembly First Secretary and Assembly Secretaries.**

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Textual Amendments

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54 **Committees.**

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55 Sub-committees.

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The statutory committees

56 Executive committee.

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57 Subject committees.

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Textual Amendments

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58 Subordinate legislation scrutiny committee.

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59 Members of scrutiny committee etc.

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60 Audit Committee.

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61 Regional committees.

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Delegation

62 Delegation of functions.

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Textual Amendments

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63 Exercise of functions by Assembly staff.

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Textual Amendments

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Procedures relating to subordinate legislation

64 Standing orders to provide procedures.

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65 **Regulatory appraisals.**

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66 **Making of Assembly general subordinate legislation.**

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F21 S. 66 repealed by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), ss. 161, 163, Sch. 12 (with Sch. 11), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) (which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007)) and s. 161(6) of the amending Act - see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)-(6) of the amending Act.

67 **Disapplication of procedural requirements.**

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68 **Financial initiative.**

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Other provisions about standing orders

69 Preservation of order.

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Textual Amendments

F24 S. 69 repealed by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#), ss. 161, 163, **Sch. 12** (with [Sch. 11](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) (which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007)) and [s. 161\(6\)](#) of the amending Act - see [ss. 46, 161\(1\)\(4\)-\(6\)](#) of the amending Act.

70 Openness.

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71 Participation of Assembly members.

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72 Integrity.

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Textual Amendments

F27 [S. 72](#) repealed by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 161, 163](#), [Sch. 12](#) (with [Sch. 11](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) (which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007)) and [s. 161\(6\)](#) of the amending Act - see [ss. 46, 161\(1\)\(4\)-\(6\)](#) of the amending Act.

73 Publication.

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Textual Amendments

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Evidence and documents relating to public bodies

74 Power to require attendance and production of documents.

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Textual Amendments

F29 [S. 74](#) repealed by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\)](#), [ss. 161, 163](#), [Sch. 12](#) (with [Sch. 11](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) (which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007)) and [s. 161\(6\)](#) of the amending Act - see [ss. 46, 161\(1\)\(4\)-\(6\)](#) of the amending Act.

75 Witnesses and documents: supplementary.

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Miscellaneous

76 Attendance of Secretary of State for Wales.

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77 Defamation.

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78 Contempt of court.

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Textual Amendments

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79 **Corrupt practices.**

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Textual Amendments

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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. 104(1A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 68\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 5A5B by [2000 c. 41 Sch. 3 para. 10\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 paras. 8-16 repealed without ever being in force by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 163, {Sch. 12} (with Sch. 11 para. 22), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.)
- Sch. 17 para. 11A inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)\(b\)](#)