



Regional Development Agencies Act 1998

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PART I

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

Development agencies

1 Establishment

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, England shall be divided into the regions specified in Schedule 1 and for each such region there shall be a development agency.
- (2) A development agency established by this section shall be a body corporate to be known by the name of the region for which it is established with the addition of the words “Development Agency”.
- (3) Any reference in Schedule 1 to a local government or administrative area is to that area as it is for the time being.

2 Constitution

- (1) A regional development agency shall consist of not less than 8 nor more than 15 members appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (2) In appointing a person to be a member of a regional development agency the Secretary of State shall have regard to the desirability of appointing a person who has experience of, and has shown capacity in, some matter relevant to the functions of the agency.
- (3) Before appointing a person to be a member of a regional development agency, the Secretary of State shall consult—
 - (a) such persons as appear to him to represent local authorities whose areas fall to any extent within the agency’s area,
 - (b) such persons as appear to him to represent employers in the agency’s area,
 - (c) such persons as appear to him to represent employees in the agency’s area,

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- (d) such persons as appear to him to represent the interests of those who live, work or carry on business in rural parts of the agency's area, and
 - (e) such other persons as he considers appropriate.
- (4) The Secretary of State—
- (a) shall designate one of the members of a regional development agency as the chairman of the agency, and
 - (b) may designate another of them as the deputy chairman of the agency.
- (5) Schedule 2 (which makes further provision about the constitution of regional development agencies) shall have effect.

3 Status

A regional development agency shall not be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown and its property shall not be regarded as the property of, or property held on behalf of, the Crown.