



Northern Ireland Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 47

PART IV

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

Elections etc

33 Constituencies and numbers of members.

- (1) The members of the Assembly shall be returned for the parliamentary constituencies in Northern Ireland.
 - (2) Each constituency shall return [^{F1}five] members.
 - (3) ^{M1}An Order in Council under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 changing a parliamentary constituency in Northern Ireland shall have effect for the purposes of this Act in relation to—
 - [^{F2}(a) the first election under section 31 or 32 for which the notice of election, which is required to be published under Assembly Election Rules, is published—
 - (i) on a day after the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which the Order comes into force, or
 - (ii) if sooner, on or after the day on which Parliament is dissolved prior to the first parliamentary general election in relation to which the Order has effect; and]
 - (b) later elections under that section and by-elections.
- [^{F3}(4) In subsection (3), “Assembly Election Rules” means the rules in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983, as applied by Article 3 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2599).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 33(2) substituted (22.7.2016 with effect in accordance with s. 1(2)(3) of the amending Act) by [Assembly Members \(Reduction of Numbers\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 29\), s. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland Act 1998, Section 33. (See end of Document for details)

- F2** S. 33(3)(a) substituted (14.12.2020) by Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 (c. 25), **ss. 12(2)**, 14(2) (with s. 13(2))
- F3** S. 33(4) inserted (14.12.2020) by Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020 (c. 25), **ss. 12(3)**, 14(2) (with s. 13(2))

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1986 c.56.

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