



Local Government Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 22

PART IV

ELECTIONS

86 Power to specify a scheme for elections.

[^{F1}(A1) The Secretary of State may by order make provision to secure that the scheme for the ordinary elections of councillors of any specified council in England is the scheme under the first option set out in section 85.]

^{F2}(1)

(2) A council is specified if it is—

- (a) a principal council (or one of the principal councils) specified by name in the order, or
- (b) a principal council falling within any description of principal council specified in the order.

(3) An order may make provision in relation to a council if the scheme specified in the order is different from the scheme which prevails (whether by virtue of an earlier order under this section or otherwise) for the ordinary elections of its councillors.

(4) An order may include provision specifying the years in which the ordinary elections are to be held.

(5) In a case where the specified scheme is that under the second or third option, an order may include provision for identifying which councillors are to retire in a particular year, and such provision may include—

- (a) provision for identifying the electoral divisions or wards affected,
- (b) provision for identifying the councillors affected within particular electoral divisions or wards.

(6) Provision under subsection (5) may include—

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- (a) provision allowing the Secretary of State to direct councils to propose methods (complying with any guidance he may issue) for identifying electoral divisions, wards or councillors,
 - (b) provision allowing him to give directions as to the methods to be adopted (whether those proposed or otherwise).
- (7) An order may include provision designed to secure the transition from a prevailing scheme to the one specified in the order, and such provision may include—
- (a) provision to secure the retirement of existing councillors at times different from those applying under a prevailing scheme,
 - (b) in a case where the specified scheme is that under the second or third option, provision for the initial election of all the councillors, for the retirement of some of them before the end of the normal term of four years, and for identifying which of them are so to retire.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 86(A1) inserted (30.12.2007) by [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#) (c. 28), [ss. 54\(3\)\(a\)](#), 245(2)
- F2** S. 86(1) omitted (20.3.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021](#) (asc 1), s. 175(3)(f), [Sch. 2 para. 9\(3\)](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 21(2ZA) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(3\)](#)
- s. 21(13)(c) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 21(15A) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(6\)](#)
- s. 21(18) inserted by [2011 nawm 4 s. 59\(7\)](#)
- s. 21C(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2012 c. 7 Sch. 5 para. 97\(a\)](#)