



# Government of Wales Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 32

### PART 1

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

##### *General elections*

#### **4 Power to vary date of ordinary general election**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide for the poll at an ordinary general election to be held on a day which is neither—
  - (a) more than one month earlier, nor
  - (b) more than one month later,than the first Thursday in May.
- (2) An order under this section must make provision for the Assembly—
  - (a) to be dissolved on a day specified in the order, and
  - (b) to meet within the period of seven days beginning immediately after the day of the poll.
- (3) In calculating any period of days for the purposes of provision made by virtue of subsection (2)(b), the following days are to be disregarded—
  - (a) Saturday and Sunday,
  - (b) Good Friday,
  - (c) any day which is a bank holiday in Wales under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 (c. 80), and
  - (d) any day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.
- (4) An order under this section may make provision for—
  - (a) any provision of, or made under, the Representation of the People Acts, or
  - (b) any other enactment relating to the election of Assembly members,

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to have effect with such modifications or exceptions as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in connection with the alteration of the day of the poll.

- (5) No order is to be made under this section unless the Secretary of State has consulted the Welsh Ministers about it.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing an order under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.