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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1879**

**The Berkshire (Structural Change) Order 1996**

**PART IV**

**TRANSITIONAL PROVISION**

**Suspension of elections and casual vacancies**

**15.**—(1) The ordinary election of councillors in 1997 for the County Council shall not take place; and any councillor for that council holding office immediately before the relevant date who would, but for this paragraph, have retired on that date shall, unless he resigns his office or it otherwise becomes vacant, continue to hold office until the reorganisation date.

(2) Section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) shall have effect—

- (a) in the case of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of councillor of a Berkshire district before the relevant date, as if the reference in subsection (3) of that section to the day on which the councillor whose office is vacant would regularly have retired were a reference to the relevant date; and
- (b) in the case of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of councillor for any electoral division in Berkshire, as if that reference in that subsection were a reference to the reorganisation date.