
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 907

The Bedfordshire (Structural Changes) Order 2008

PART 4

ELECTORAL MATTERS: BEDFORD

Cancellation of elections to Bedford Borough Council in 2008, etc

12.—(1) Notwithstanding section 7(8) and (9) of the 1972 Act (elections of councillors)—

- (a) elections shall not be held in 2008 for the return of councillors to Bedford Borough Council; and
- (b) the term of office of all councillors elected to that Council before the 2009 election day shall end on the fourth day after the 2009 election day⁽¹⁾.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), nothing in section 89 of the 1972 Act (filling of casual vacancies in case of councillors) shall authorise the holding of an election to fill a casual vacancy in the office of councillor of Bedford Borough Council where that vacancy arises after 30th September 2008 and before 1st April 2009.

(3) An election may be held where the vacancy arises as mentioned in section 40(2) of the 2000 Act (vacancy arising where elected mayor was elected a councillor at an earlier election).

Commencement Information

II Art. 12 in force at 28.3.2008, see [art. 1](#)

⁽¹⁾ (Under section 7(9) of the Local Government Act 1972, the term of office of councillors of non-metropolitan district councils is four years. (By virtue of subsections (5A) to (5C) of section 39 of the Local Government Act 2000, which were substituted for subsection (5) of that section by section 66(2) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, references to members or councillors of a local authority do not include references to the elected mayor of the authority unless regulations specifically provide to the contrary. See also [S.I. 2001/2544](#).)

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- art. 16(5A)(5B) inserted by [S.I. 2009/837 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- art. 26(1)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2009/837 art. 2\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 26(1)(ba)(bb) inserted by [S.I. 2009/837 art. 2\(3\)\(c\)](#)