WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 2676 (W.290)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES

The Isle of Anglesey (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2012

Made - - - - 24 October 2012

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales has, in accordance with sections 57(2) and 58(3) of the Local Government Act 1972(**1**), submitted to the Welsh Ministers a report dated May 2012 on its review of, and proposals for a change in, the electoral arrangements within the county of the Isle of Anglesey(**2**).

The Welsh Ministers have decided to give effect to those proposals without modifications.

More than six weeks have elapsed since those proposals were submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

The Welsh Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 58(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 and now vested in them(**3**).

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of this Order is The Isle of Anglesey (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2012.

(2) This Order comes into force—

(a) for the purpose of proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of councillors, on the day following the day on which the Order is made;

(b) for all other purposes, on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2013(**4**).

(3) In this Order "ordinary day of election for councillors" ("*diwrnod arferol ethol cynghorwyr*") has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983(**5**).

(**1**) 1972 c. 70. Section 58 was amended by section 40 of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act 1994 (c. 29); paragraph 11 of Schedule 15 to the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c19); and section 168 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011(nawm 4).

(**2**) In 1996 and in accordance with section 74 of the Local Government Act 1972, the name of the county was changed from Anglesey to the Isle of Anglesey by resolution of the county council and with the consent of the Secretary of State under section 74(6). Subsection (6) was repealed by the Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), Part 10 of Schedule 1.

(**3**) The powers of the Secretary of State were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/672) and are now vested in the Welsh Ministers by virtue of paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).

(**4**) *See*S.I 2012/686 (W.94) which provided that the ordinary election of councillors to the Isle of Anglesey County Council would take place in 2013 instead of 2012 and that subsequent ordinary election would take place every four years after 2013.

(**5**) 1983 c. 2. Section 37 was amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), section 17 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29) and section 60 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28).

Electoral divisions of the county of the Isle of Anglesey

2.—(1) The electoral divisions of the county of the Isle of Anglesey are abolished.

(2) The county is divided into eleven electoral divisions each bearing a name listed in column 1 of the Table in the Schedule and each such electoral division comprises the existing areas specified in relation to that electoral division in column 2 of the Table.

(3) The number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division is the number specified in relation to that electoral division in column 3 of the Table in the Schedule.

Revocation

3. The Borough of Ynys Môn-Isle of Anglesey (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1992(**6**) is revoked.

Carl Sargeant
Minister for Local Government and
Communities, one of the Welsh Ministers

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(**6**) S.I. 1992/2923. This Order came into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 1995 and made provision for the electoral arrangements for the new principal council established by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994. In 1998 a report of the Commission on a review of electoral arrangements for the county of the Isle of Anglesey proposed no changes to the electoral arrangements; and no order was made under section 58(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. Some consequential changes to electoral divisions in the county were made by S.I.2009/367(W.37).