
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 612 (N.I. 4)

NORTHERN IRELAND

**The District Electoral Areas Commissioner
(Northern Ireland)(Amendment) Order 2007**

*Made - - - - 6th March 2007
Coming into force on the expiry of fourteen days
beginning with the day on which the Order was made.*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 6th day of March 2007

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

In accordance with section 7(3) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ^{F1}, the Electoral Commission has been consulted prior to laying this Order before Parliament.

A draft of this Order was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 84(4) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 ^{F2} and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Accordingly, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 84(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

Annotations:

Amendments (Textual)

F1 2000 c. 41.

F2 1998 c. 47.

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2007 and shall come into force on the expiry of fourteen days beginning with the day on which the Order was made.

(2) In this Order “the 1984 Order” means the District Electoral Areas Commissioner (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 ^{F3}.

Annotations:**Amendments (Textual)**

- F3** [S.I.1984/360](#). The 1984 Order was made under section 38(1)(a) of the [Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 \(c. 36\)](#). Section 84 of the [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(c. 47\)](#) re-enacts this provision and, in reliance on section 17(2)(a) of the [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30\)](#), is used to amend the 1984 Order.

Amendment to the 1984 Order

2. In Article 1(3) of the 1984 Order after “below” insert

“; “the 1972 Act” means the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 ^{F4}.”

Annotations:**Amendments (Textual)**

- F4** [1972 c. 9 \(N.I.\)](#).

3. For Article 2 of the 1984 Order substitute—

“2.—(1) As soon as practicable after the appointment of the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner under section 50(1)(a) or (b) of the 1972 Act ^{F5}, the Secretary of State shall appoint a Commissioner who shall carry out the function conferred on him by this Article.

(2) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after an order has been made under section 50(10) of the 1972 Act giving effect (whether with or without modifications) to recommendations made under subsections (2) or (3) of that section, submit to the Secretary of State a report setting out, in respect of each local government district in Northern Ireland, his recommendations for the grouping together of the wards, as constituted by the order, into electoral areas for the purpose of local government elections in each of those districts.”

Annotations:**Amendments (Textual)**

- F5** [Section 50](#) was substituted by article 4 of the [Local Government \(Boundaries\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I.2006/1253 \(N.I.8\)\)](#).

4. For Article 3 of the 1984 Order substitute—

“3.—(1) As soon as practicable after the appointment of the Local Government Boundaries Commissioner under section 50(4) of the 1972 Act, the Secretary of State shall appoint a Commissioner who shall carry out the function conferred on him by this Article.

(2) The Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after an order has been made under section 50(10) of the 1972 Act giving effect (whether with or without modifications) to recommendations made under subsection (4) of that section, submit to the Secretary of State a report setting out, in respect of each local government district whose wards are affected