ORDER, DATED 23RD MAY, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE FIRE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1947.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, by virtue of and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section one of the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order :—

Citation and Interpretation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fire Services (Western Fire District and Fire Authority) Order (Northern Ireland), 1947.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

(3) In this Order except where the contrary intention appears—

" the Act " means the Fire Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1947 ;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;

the expression " local authority " has the same meaning as in the Act ;

the expression " local authority election year " has the same meaning as is assigned to the expression " election year " (in relation to local government elections) in sub-section (4) of section thirteen of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Formation of Fire District.

2. The areas of the local authorities named in Part I of the Schedule to this Order shall be combined to form a fire district to be called the Western Fire District.

Designation of Fire Authority.

3. The fire authority for the Western Fire District shall be a joint committee (to be called the Western Fire Authority) of the local authorities named in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

Functions of Joint Committee.

4. The functions of the joint committee designated as the Western Fire Authority (in this Order referred to as " the joint committee ") shall be to perform for the Western Fire District the duties imposed upon, and to exercise in relation to that Fire District the powers conferred upon, a fire authority by or under the Act and shall include the provision of offices and the appointment of officers as provided in this Order.

Qualifications of Members.

5.—(1) The members of the joint committee shall be duly elected members of the respective local authorities by which they are appointed to serve on the joint committee,