Urban District Boundaries : Procedure.

REGULATIONS AS TO INQUIRIES AND NOTICES MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 24 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers in this behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby, and until it shall otherwise direct, prescribes and determines as follows, with respect to the inquiries to be made and the notices to be given for the purposes of Section 24 of the Act, the manner of giving such notices and the several other matters to be prescribed and determined for the purposes of the said Section, that is to say :—

1.—(1) Prior to any order being made by a county council in regard to a proposal for the alteration or definition of the boundary of an urban county district as provided for in sub-section (1) of the said Section of the Act, a local inquiry at which all persons interested may attend and be heard, shall be held in regard to the proposal, as the council may direct either by a committee of the county council or by some person appointed by the county council to hold such local inquiry :

Provided that in any case where the council of an urban county district make application to the county council to make an order under the said sub-section (1) of Section 24 of the Act, the county council, if satisfied from such inquiries in the locality affected as they deem necessary that it is desirable to make an order in accordance with the proposal of the council of the urban county district, may, if they think fit, make an order without holding a local inquiry.

(2) In any case in which the county council deem it desirable to hold a local inquiry the said inquiry shall be held at such place in the urban district to which the proposal relates, as may, in the opinion of the committee or person by whom the inquiry is to be held, be most convenient for the purpose.

(3) Before the day on which the local inquiry is to be held, public notice of the purport of the proposal, and of the day, time and place fixed for the inquiry in regard to it, shall be given by the county council by advertisement in two successive weeks in some local newspaper circulating in the locality to which the proposal relates.

2. At least fourteen days before the day on which the local inquiry is to be held, a printed notice of the purport of the proposal,