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LONDON GOVERNMENT

The London Councillors Order 1976

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 8(2) of, and paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 2 to, the Local Government Act 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order in the terms of a draft approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:—

1. This order may be cited as the London Councillors Order 1976 and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which it is made.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. In Schedule 2 to the Local Government Act 1972, in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph 6 (term of office and retirement of councillors of the Greater London Council and London boroughs)—

for “every third year” there shall be substituted “every fourth year”;

for “three years” there shall be substituted “four years”; and

for “such third year” there shall be substituted “such fourth year”.

4.—(1) The year 1977 is hereby specified for the purposes of paragraph 9(2)(a) of the said Schedule (date on which the offices of alderman of the Greater London Council are to cease to exist).

(2) The year 1978 is hereby specified for the purposes of paragraph 9(2)(b) of the said Schedule (date on which the offices of alderman of the London boroughs are to cease to exist).

Anthony Crosland,

Secretary of State for the Environment.

17th February 1976.

(a) 1972 c. 70.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

On the existing arrangements—

councillors of the Greater London Council were elected in 1973, and will be elected in 1976 and every third year thereafter;

London borough councillors were elected in 1974, and will be elected in 1977 and every third year thereafter.

This Order substitutes quadrennial elections, for the Greater London Council in 1977 and every fourth year thereafter, and for the London boroughs in 1978 and every fourth year thereafter.

The Order also specifies the years in which aldermen of the Greater London Council and the London boroughs are to cease to exist. The basic provision is contained in Schedule 2 to the Act of 1972, but that Schedule empowered the specification of years of elections of councillors for the years 1976 and 1977, which were apt on the system of triennial elections.

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