LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 210

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(1) The council may divide its area into divisions, called "wards".

(2) The council may abolish all wards.

(3) The council may alter ward boundaries.

(4) The council may name or rename a ward.

(5) A council must not divide an area into wards or abolish all wards unless it has obtained approval to do so at a constitutional referendum.

(6) A by-election held after an alteration of ward boundaries and before the next ordinary election is to be held as if the boundaries had not been altered.

(7) The division of a council's area into wards, or a change to the boundaries of a ward, must not result in a variation of more than 10 per cent between the number of electors in each ward in the area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 211

Ward boundaries

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(1) The council of an area divided into wards must keep the ward boundaries under review.

(2) If:
    (a) during a council's term of office, the council becomes aware that the number of electors in one ward in its area differs by more than 10 per cent from the number of electors in any other ward in its area, and
    (b) that difference remains at the end of the first year of the following term of office of the council,

the council must, as soon as practicable, alter the ward boundaries in a manner that will result in each ward containing a number of electors that does not differ by more than 10 per cent from the number of electors in each other ward in the area.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) prevents a council that has become aware of the discrepancy referred to in subsection (2) (a) from altering its ward boundaries before the end of the first year of the following term of office of the council.