Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this seventh day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *Duncan Sandys,*
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations prescribe the totals of values to be inserted in the valuation lists made under the Local Government Act, 1948.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

1955 No. 2

The Parliamentary Constituencies (Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire) Order, 1955

Made - - - - 5*th January*, 1955
Coming into Operation 19*th January*, 1955

At the Court at Sandringham, the 5th day of January, 1955

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas in pursuance of subsection (1) of section two of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949(a), the Boundary Commission for England has submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated the tenth day of November, 1954, showing the constituencies into which they recommend that England should be divided in order to give effect to the rules set out in the Second Schedule to the said Act:

And Whereas the Secretary of State has laid the said report before Parliament together with a draft of this Order in Council to give effect to recommendations contained in the report and each House of Parliament has by resolution approved the said draft:

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 66.

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers conferred by section three of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. In lieu of the county constituencies of Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire described in the First Schedule to the Representation of the People Act, 1948(**a**), and specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order there shall be substituted the county constituencies described in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

2. The electoral registration officer for the Bedfordshire registration area shall make such re-arrangement or adaptation of the registers of parliamentary electors as may be necessary to give effect to this Order.

3.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Constituencies (Bedford and Mid-Bedfordshire) Order, 1955.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on the fourteenth day after the day on which it is made:

Provided that the coming into operation of this Order shall not affect any parliamentary election until a proclamation is issued by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament or affect the constitution of the House of Commons until the dissolution of the Parliament in being on the day on which this Order comes into operation.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

BEDFORDSHIRE

PART I

Existing constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed immediately before the end of the year 1947

Name	County or Borough Constituency	Contents
Bedford... ...	County	(i) The borough of Bedford; (ii) the urban district of Kempston; (iii) the rural district of Bedford, except the parishes included in the Mid-Bedfordshire constituency.
Mid-Bedfordshire	County	(i) The urban districts of Ampthill, Biggleswade and Sandy; (ii) the rural districts of Ampthill and Biggleswade and the following parishes in the rural district of Bedford, namely, Cardington, Colmworth, Cople, Eaton Socon, Eastcotts, Elstow, Great Barford, Kempston Rural, Little Barford, Renhold, Roxton, Stagsden, Stewartby, Wilden, Willington, Wilshamstead and Wootton.

(**a**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 65. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

PART II

New constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed on the 1st day of April, 1954 (being a day subsequent to the County of Bedford (Parishes in Bedford Rural District) Confirmation Order, 1948)

Name	County or Borough Constituency	Contents
Bedford... ...	County	(i) The borough of Bedford; (ii) the urban district of Kempston; (iii) the following parishes in the rural district of Bedford, namely, Biddenham, Bletsoe, Bolnhurst and Keysoe, Bromham, Carlton and Chellington, Clapham, Dean and Shelton, Felmersham, Harrold, Knotting and Souldrop, Little Staughton, Melchbourne and Yielden, Milton Ernest, Oakley, Odell, Pavenham, Pertenhall, Podington, Ravensden, Riseley, Sharnbrook, Stevington, Swineshead, Thurleigh, Turvey and Wymington.
Mid-Bedfordshire	County	(i) The urban districts of Ampthill, Biggleswade and Sandy; (ii) the rural districts of Ampthill and Biggleswade and the rural district of Bedford except the parishes included in the Bedford constituency.

1955 No. 20

The Parliamentary Constituencies (Bethnal Green, Hackney and Stoke Newington) Order, 1955

Made - - - - 5*th January,* 1955
Coming into Operation 19*th January,* 1955

At the Court at Sandringham, the 5th day of January, 1955

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

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And Whereas the Secretary of State has laid the said report before Parliament together with a draft of this Order in Council to give effect to recommendations contained in the report and each House of Parliament has by resolution approved the said draft:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers conferred by section three of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act, 1949,

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 66.