1955 No. 13

The Parliamentary Constituencies (North Kent) 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:

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 and borough constituencies of Chislehurst, Gravesend, Orpington, Dartford and Rochester and Chatham described in the First Schedule to the Representation of the People Act, 1948(b), and specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order there shall be substituted the county and borough constituencies described in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

2. The electoral registration officers for the aforesaid constituencies 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 (North Kent) Order, 1955.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), 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

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 66. (b) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 65. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

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

KENT

PART I

Existing constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed immediately before the end of the year 1947 *except for any subsequent accretion from the sea*

Name	County or Borough Constituency	Contents
Chislehurst	County ...	(i) The urban district of Chislehurst and Sidcup; (ii) the parishes of Darenth, Stone, Sutton at Hone, and Wilmington in the rural district of Dartford.
Gravesend	County ...	(i) The borough of Gravesend; (ii) the urban districts of Northfleet and Swanscombe; (iii) the rural district of Strood.
Orpington	County ...	(i) The urban district of Orpington; (ii) the rural district of Dartford except the parishes included in the Chislehurst constituency.
Dartford	Borough ...	(i) The boroughs of Dartford and Erith; (ii) the urban district of Crayford.
Rochester and Chatham	Borough ...	The boroughs of Rochester and Chatham.

PART II

New constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed on the 1*st day of April,* 1954 *(being a day subsequent to the Rochester Corporation Act,* 1952(a)*), except for any subsequent accretion from the sea whether occurring before or after the making of this Order*

Name	County or Borough Constituency	Contents
Chislehurst	County ...	The urban district of Chislehurst and Sidcup.
Dartford	County ...	(i) The borough of Dartford; (ii) the urban district of Swanscombe; (iii) the rural district of Dartford.
Gravesend	County ...	(i) The borough of Gravesend; (ii) the urban district of Northfleet; (iii) the rural district of Strood.
Orpington	County ...	The urban district of Orpington.
Erith and Crayford ...	Borough ...	(i) The borough of Erith; (ii) the urban district of Crayford.
Rochester and Chatham	Borough ...	The boroughs of Rochester and Chatham.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. liv.