STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 1979 No. 469

# WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

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| *Made* - - - | 10*th April* 1979 |
| *Coming into Operation* | 11*th April* 1979 |

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, acting jointly in the exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 2(4), 3(1) and (9), and 36(2) of the Water Act 1973(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows, in the terms of a draft approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:—

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** This order may be cited as the Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

*Amendment of Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution Order* 1973

**2.** The Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution Order 1973(**b**) is hereby amended as follows:—

(*a*) for article 4 (which specifies the numbers of members to be appointed to the Severn-Trent Water Authority) there shall be substituted the following article:—

"*Members of water authority*

**4.**—(1) The water authority shall consist of forty-eight members.

(2) The number of members specified for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of section 3(1) of the Act as the number to be appointed by the Minister is four.

(3) The number of members specified for the purposes of paragraph (*c*) of section 3(1) of the Act as the number to be appointed by the Secretary of State is sixteen.

(**a**) 1973 c. 37. (**b**) S.I. 1973/1437, a relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1974/1208.

(4) (*a*) The number of members to be appointed by each of the councils of counties specified in column (1) of Schedule 2, or by the council of the district so specified individually, or by the councils of each group of districts so specified, shall be the number specified in relation to that county, district, or group in column (2) of that schedule.

(*b*) Where in the said schedule the number to be appointed is specified in relation to a group of districts, the councils of the districts comprised in the group shall between them appoint that number.

(*c*) The year specified for the purposes of paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 to the Act (which provided that the first members to whom that paragraph applied should hold office until the end of May in such year as might be specified for the purposes of that paragraph) is the year 1975 in the case of a member appointed by the councils of a group of districts, and the year 1977 in the case of a member appointed by the council of a county."

(*b*) for Schedule 2 (which specifies the numbers of members to be appointed by local authorities) there shall be substituted the following schedule:—

*Article 4*

"SCHEDULE 2

NUMBERS OF MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

| (1) | (2) |
|---|---|
| | *Number of Members* |
| *Metropolitan County* | |
| West Midlands ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | Two |
| *Non-Metropolitan County* | |
| Derbyshire ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Gloucestershire ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Hereford and Worcester ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Leicestershire ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Nottinghamshire ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Powys ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Salop ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Staffordshire ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| Warwickshire ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |
| *Metropolitan District* | |
| Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall, Wolverhampton ... ... ... ... ... ... | Two between them |
| Birmingham ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One |

| (1) | (2) |
|---|---|
| | *Number of Members* |
| *Non-Metropolitan District* | |
| Amber Valley, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derby, Erewash, High Peak, North East Derbyshire, South Derbyshire, West Derbyshire ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | Two between them |
| Cheltenham, Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud, Tewkesbury ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One between them |
| Bromsgrove, Hereford, Leominster, Malvern Hills, Redditch, South Herefordshire, Worcester, Wychavon, Wyre Forest | One between them |
| Blaby, Charnwood, Harborough, Hinckley and Bosworth, Leicester, Melton, North West Leicestershire, Oadby and Wigston, Rutland ... ... ... ... ... ... | Two between them |
| Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark, Nottingham, Rushcliffe ... ... ... ... ... | Two between them |
| Brecknock, Montgomery, Radnor ... ... ... ... | One between them |
| Bridgnorth, North Shropshire, Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Atcham, South Shropshire, The Wrekin ... ... ... | One between them |
| Cannock Chase, East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, South Staffordshire, Stafford, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stoke-on-Trent, Tamworth ... ... ... | Two between them |
| North Warwickshire, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwick ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | One between them" |

*Transitional provision*

**3.** Any person who is a member of the Severn-Trent Water Authority on the day on which this order comes into operation shall hold office for the term for which he would have held office if this order had not been made.

*Peter Shore,*
9th April 1979. Secretary of State for the Environment.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 10th April 1979.

(L.S.)

*John Silkin,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

The Severn-Trent Water Authority Constitution Order 1973, as amended in August 1974, defined the constitution of the Severn-Trent Water Authority, one of the ten regional water authorities established for England and Wales under the Water Act 1973, and provided that the Authority should consist of forty-three members, of whom eleven were to be appointed by county councils specified in the order and eleven by groups of district councils so specified.

This order further amends the 1973 order so as to provide that the Severn-Trent Water Authority shall consist of forty-eight members, of whom eleven are to be appointed by specified county councils and sixteen by specified groups of district councils or by one district council individually specified.

The terms of office of existing members of the Authority are not affected by this order. Members appointed to fill places newly created by the order will come into office (subject to paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973) on 1st June 1979 and will hold office for a term of four years.

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