STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 470

WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979

Laid before Parliament in draft

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 Southern Water Authority Constitution (Amendment) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on the day following the day on which it is made.

Amendment of Southern Water Authority Constitution Order 1973

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

(*a*) in article 4(1) (which specified the total number of members to be appointed to the Southern Water Authority) for the word "nineteen" there shall be substituted the words "twenty-one";

(*b*) in column (2) of Schedule 2 (Numbers of Members to be Appointed by Local Authorities), opposite the words from "Basingstoke" to "Winchester" and opposite the words from "Ashford" to "Tunbridge Wells" in column (1), for the words "One between them" there shall be substituted the words "Two between them".

(a) 1973 c. 37. (b) S.I. 1973/1361.

Transitional provision

3. Any person who is a member of the Southern 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 Southern Water Authority Constitution Order 1973 defined the constitution of the Southern 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 nineteen members, of whom five were to be appointed by county councils specified in the order and five by groups of district councils so specified.

This order amends the 1973 order so as to provide that the Southern Water Authority shall consist of twenty-one members, of whom five are to be appointed by specified county councils and seven by specified groups of district councils.

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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