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**2015 No. 682 (C. 40)**

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
DEVOLUTION, SCOTLAND**

The Scotland Act 2012 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2015

*Made* - - - - *17th March 2015*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 44(5) of the Scotland Act 2012<sup>(1)</sup>:

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Scotland Act 2012 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2015.

**Appointed Day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Scotland Act 2012 is 1st July 2015—
  - (a) section 1 (administration of elections);
  - (b) section 3 (supplementary and transitional provision about elections).

Dover House, London  
17th March 2015

*David Mundell*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Scotland Office

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Article 2 of this Order commences sections 1 and 3 of the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11) on 1st July 2015. Section 1 transfers certain of the executive functions in section 12 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46) relating to the conduct and administration of Scottish Parliament elections, which are currently exercisable by the Secretary of State, to the Scottish Ministers. It also introduces a new section 12A which sets out the powers to make provision about elections that continue to be exercisable by the Secretary of State. Section 3 makes supplementary and transitional provision in connection with the transfer of responsibility to the Scottish Ministers.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Scotland Act 2012 have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order.

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Sections 4 and 5	3rd July 2012	2012/1710
Section 6	15th October 2012	2012/1710
Section 7	3rd July 2012	2012/1710
Section 8	31st October 2012	2012/2516
Sections 9 and 10	3rd July 2012	2012/1710
Section 12	3rd July 2012	2012/1710
Section 13	31st October 2012	2012/2516
Sections 14 to 16	3rd July 2012	2012/1710
Section 17	31st October 2012	2012/2516
Section 18	1st August 2013	2012/2516
Section 19	31st October 2012	2012/2516
Sections 20 to 22	3rd July 2012	2012/1710
Section 32	12th December 2014	2014/3250
Sections 34 to 38	22nd April 2013	2013/6
Section 39	31st October 2012	2012/2516
Schedule 1	31st October 2012	2012/2516