

Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Act 2021

The following reforms are to commence on 30 June 2022:

- Amendments to the *Local Government Act 1999* (the LG Act) that simplify the process that councils must undertake to regularly review their internal composition (their 'representation reviews').
- Amendments to the LG Act that will require councils that wish to be composed of more than 13 members to obtain an 'exemption certificate' from the Electoral Commission of South Australia (ECSA) during their regular representation review process to do so.
- Amendments to the LG Act that will require all councils to have a directly elected mayor (as opposed to a mayor/chairperson elected by the elected council member body). Commencement of this reform on this date will ensure that this change is made by the 2026 periodic elections.