STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

The Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Midlothian and Edinburgh East) Order 1973

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - -	18*th April* 1973
Coming into Operation	2*nd May* 1973

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 18th day of April 1973

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas under section 2(3) of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Act 1949(**a**) the Boundary Commission for Scotland have submitted to the Secretary of State a report dated 21st December 1972 with respect to the areas comprised in certain constituencies in Scotland and showing the constituencies into which they recommend, in accordance with the provisions of the House of Commons (Redistribution of Seats) Acts 1949 and 1958(**b**), that the areas should be divided:

And whereas the Secretary of State has laid the said report before Parliament together with the 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 exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 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.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) (Midlothian and Edinburgh East) Order 1973.

(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 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.

2. In lieu of the county constituency of Midlothian and the burgh constituency of Edinburgh East described in Part II of the Schedule to the

(a) 1949 c. 66. (b) 1958 c. 26. (c) 1889 c. 63.

Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1970(a) and specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order there shall be substituted the county and burgh constituencies described in Part II of the Schedule to this Order.

3. The electoral registration officers for the county of Midlothian and for the county of the city of Edinburgh shall make such re-arrangement or adaptation of the registers of parliamentary electors as may be necessary to give effect to this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

MIDLOTHIAN

PART I

Existing constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed on 1st January 1969

Name	County or Burgh Constituency	Contents
Midlothian ...	County ...	The county of Midlothian including all the burghs situated therein except the county of the city of Edinburgh and the burgh of Musselburgh.
Edinburgh East	Burgh ...	(1) The burgh of Musselburgh. (2) the following wards of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Craigmillar, Craigentinny and Portobello.

PART II

New constituencies described by reference to circumstances as they existed on 21st December 1972 (being a date subsequent to an alteration in the boundaries of the burgh of Musselburgh effected by a deliverance of the Sheriff of the Lothians and Peebles dated 5th June 1969)

Name	County or Burgh Constituency	Contents
Midlothian ...	County ...	The county of Midlothian including all the burghs situated therein except the county of the city of Edinburgh and the burgh of Musselburgh.
Edinburgh East	Burgh ...	(1) The burgh of Musselburgh. (2) the following wards of the county of the city of Edinburgh, namely, Craigmillar, Craigentinny and Portobello.

(a) S.I. 1970/1680 (1970 III, p. 5538).

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