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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Parliamentary election rules modified (N.I.) (*prosp.*) by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 10, **Sch. 1 paras. 8–23**
- C1** [Paras. 3–7](#) of Pt. II of Sch. 1 to [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#) have effect (N.I.) (*prosp.*) by virtue of s. 10 of, and Sch. 1 para. 2 to, that Act as additional rules in Sch. 1 to this Act
- C1** [Sch. 1](#) applied with modifications (S.) by [S.I. 1986/2213](#), **Rules 2, 5**
[Sch. 1](#) applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (28.4.1999) by [1985 c. 50, s. 15\(1\)\(2\)](#) (as applied (with modifications) (28.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1214](#), reg. 8, **Sch. 3**) (which S.I. was revoked (23.3.2004) by [S.I. 2004/293](#), reg. 126)
- C1** [Sch. 1](#) modified (E.W.) by [S.I. 1986/1081](#), **regs. 2, 97, 98, 100** (which S.I. was revoked (23.3.2004) by [S.I. 2004/294](#), reg. 3)
- C1** [Sch. 1](#) extended (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by [S.I. 1996/1220](#), **art. 6(1)-(4)**
- C1** [Sch. 1](#) modified (S.) by [The Representation of the People \(Scotland\) Regulations 1986 \(S.I. 1986/1111\)](#), regs. 2, 95, 96, 98(1)
- C1** [Sch. 1](#) modified (N.I.) (10.4.2001) by [Elections Act 2001 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 4, **Sch.** (as amended (16.12.2010) by [S.I. 2010/2977](#), arts. 2(2), 6; and (15.9.2014) by [S.I. 2014/1116](#), arts. 1(1), 9)
- C1** [Sch. 1](#) modified (E.W.) (23.3.2004) by [The Representation of People \(Combination of Polls\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/294\)](#), reg. 8, **Sch. 2** (as amended (22.5.2014) by [S.I. 2014/920](#), regs. 1(1), 2(7), 3-6; (7.5.2015) by [S.I. 2015/654](#), regs. 1(1), 2)

PART III

CONTESTED ELECTIONS

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE POLL

[^{F1} Notification of requirement of secrecy]

Textual Amendments

- F1** [Sch. 1 rule 31](#) substituted by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 24, **Sch. 4 para. 80**

- [^{F2}31 [The returning officer shall make such arrangements as he thinks fit to ensure that—
- ^{F3}(1)] (a) every person attending at a polling station (otherwise than for the purpose of voting or assisting a blind voter to vote or as a constable on duty there) has been given a copy in writing of the provisions of subsections (1), (3) and (6) of section 66 of this Act; and

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- (b) every person attending at the counting of the votes (other than any constable on duty at the counting) has been given a copy in writing of the provisions of subsections (2) and (6) of that section.]

[^{F4}(2) In the application of this rule to an election in England or Wales, a reference to a constable includes a person designated as a community support officer [^{F5}or community support volunteer] under section 38 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (police powers for employees [^{F6}or volunteers]).]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Sch. 1 rule 31 substituted by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 24, **Sch. 4 para. 80**
- F3** Sch. 1 rule 31 renumbered as Sch. 1 rule 31(1) (6.4.2014) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), **ss. 21(1), 27(1)**; S.I. 2014/414, art. 3(e) (with art. 4)
- F4** Sch. 1 rule 31(2) inserted (6.4.2014) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), **ss. 21(1), 27(1)**; S.I. 2014/414, art. 3(e) (with art. 4)
- F5** Words in Sch. 1 para. 31(2) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 12 para. 6(2)(a)**; S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)
- F6** Words in Sch. 1 para. 31(2) inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 15.12.2017 in so far as not already in force) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), s. 183(1)(5)(e), **Sch. 12 para. 6(2)(b)**; S.I. 2017/1139, reg. 2(k) (as amended by S.I. 2017/1162, reg. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 1 rule 31 applied with modifications (N.I.) by S.I. 1986/2250, regs. 2, 3, 5, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
- C2** Sch. 1 rule 31 applied with modifications (E.W.S.) by S.I. 1986/2209, regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)–(8), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
- C3** Sch. 1 rule 31 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by S.I. 1996/1220, art. 3(1)(b)(5)–(8), **Sch. 1 Sch. 1 para. 31** applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (25.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/1126, art. 6, **Sch. 2**
- C4** Sch. 1 rule 31 applied (with modifications) (31.7.1997) by 1997 c. 61, s. 3, **Sch. 3 para. 13** Table 2
Sch. 1 rule 31 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by S.I. 2001/2599, art. 3, Sch. 1 (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, arts. 1(2), 3, **Sch. 1**)

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