



# Representation of the People Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 2

### PART III

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

##### *Questioning of a parliamentary election*

#### **126 Attendance of House of Commons shorthand writer.**

- (1) The shorthand writer of the House of Commons or his deputy shall attend the trial and shall be sworn by one of the judges of the election court faithfully and truly to take down the evidence given at the trial and from time to time as occasion requires to transcribe that evidence or cause it to be transcribed.
- (2) The shorthand writer shall take down the evidence and from time to time transcribe it or cause it to be transcribed and a copy of the evidence shall accompany the certificate given by the election court to the Speaker.
- (3) In Scotland <sup>F1</sup>. . . the expenses of the shorthand writer shall be deemed to be part of the expenses incurred [<sup>F2</sup>under section 125 above].

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words repealed by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 28, [Sch. 5](#)
- F2** Words substituted by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 24, [Sch. 4 para. 47](#)

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 126 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) by [S.I. 1986/2209](#), regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)-(8), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
- S. 126 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) by [S.I. 1986/2250](#), regs. 2, 3, 5, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
- S. 126 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by [Elections \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1996 \(S.I. 1996/1220\)](#), art. 3(1)(5)-(8), [Sch. 1](#)
- S. 126 applied (with modifications) (11.3.1999) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/787\)](#), art. 85(1)-(3), [Sch. 6 Pts. I, II](#) (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except

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- for specified purposes) by S.I. 2002/2779, **arts. 1, 2** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, **art. 2(a)**)
- S. 126 applied (with modifications) (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2779\)](#), **arts. 1, 81, Sch. 6 Pts. I, II** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, **art. 2(a)**)
- S. 126 applied (with modifications) (15.3.2007 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/937\)](#), **arts. 1, 83, Sch. 6 Pts. I, II**
- C2** S. 126 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by [The Northern Ireland Assembly \(Elections\) Order 2001 \(S.I. 2001/2599\)](#), **art. 3, Sch. 1** (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, **arts. 1(2), 3, Sch. 1**)
- C3** S. 126 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2999\)](#), **arts. 1(1), 84(1)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with **art. 1(2)(3)**)
- C4** S. 126 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2999\)](#), **arts. 1(1), 84(2)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with **art. 1(2)(3)**)
- C5** S. 126 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), **arts. 1(1), 82(2)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with **art. 1(2)**)
- C6** S. 126 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), **arts. 1(1), 82(1)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with **art. 1(2)**)

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