



Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 3

Franchise for local elections

1 Local electors in Northern Ireland

- (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) below, a person is entitled to vote as an elector at a local election in any district electoral area if—
 - (a) he is resident there on the qualifying date and was resident in Northern Ireland during the whole of the period of three months ending on that date,
 - (b) on that date and on the date of the poll—
 - (i) he is not subject to any legal incapacity to vote (age apart), and
 - (ii) he is either a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, and
 - (c) he is of the age of eighteen years or over on the date of the poll.
- (2) A person is not entitled to vote as an elector in any district electoral area unless registered there in the register of local electors to be used at the election.
- (3) A person is not entitled to vote as an elector—
 - (a) more than once in the same district electoral area at any local election, or
 - (b) in more than one district electoral area at a local general election for any district.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, a person does not attain the age of eighteen years until the beginning of the relevant anniversary of the day of his birth.