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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

PROXY VOTING: LIMITS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

Representation of the People Act 1985

- 6 (1) Section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (proxies at parliamentary elections in Northern Ireland) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (2) insert—
- “(2A) A person is not capable of being appointed to vote, or voting, as proxy at a parliamentary election unless the person is or will be registered in a register of parliamentary electors in Great Britain or Northern Ireland.”
- (3) In subsection (3)—
- (a) omit the “or” at the end of paragraph (a);
- (b) omit paragraph (b).
- (4) For subsection (5) substitute—
- “(5) A person—
- (a) is not entitled to vote as proxy at a parliamentary election on behalf of more than two electors who do not fall within subsection (5A), but
- (b) subject to paragraph (a), is entitled to vote as proxy at a parliamentary election on behalf of up to four electors.
- (5A) An elector falls within this subsection if the elector is registered in a register of parliamentary electors in pursuance of an overseas elector’s declaration or a service declaration.
- (5B) Where the polls for two or more parliamentary elections are held on the same day, references in subsection (5A) to a parliamentary election are to all of those elections taken together.”
- (5) After subsection (7) insert—
- “(7A) The requirements prescribed under subsections (6) and (7) must include a requirement for an application to contain the proxy’s date of birth.”

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 4 para. 6 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 67\(1\)](#)
- I2** Sch. 4 para. 6(1) in force at 31.10.2023 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 2\(f\)\(iv\)](#)
- I3** Sch. 4 para. 6(1) in force at 31.1.2024 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 4\(d\)\(iv\)](#)
- I4** Sch. 4 para. 6(2)(3)(5) in force at 31.10.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 2\(f\)\(iv\)](#)
- I5** Sch. 4 para. 6(4) in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2023/1145, reg. 4\(d\)\(iv\)](#) (with Sch. para. 4)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 9 para. 35(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(3\)](#)