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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 2001 No. 341

## The Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001

### *Receipt of Postal Ballot Papers*

#### **Opening of covering envelopes**

**84.**—(1) When a postal voters' ballot box is opened, the returning officer shall count and record the number of covering envelopes, and shall then open each covering envelope (including any envelope described in regulation 82(2) above) separately.

(2) The procedure in regulation 85 below applies where a covering envelope (including an envelope to which regulation 82(2) above applies) contains both—

- (a) a declaration of identity; and
- (b) a ballot paper envelope, or if there is no ballot paper envelope, a ballot paper (or ballot papers).

(3) Where the covering envelope does not contain the declaration of identity separately, the returning officer shall open the ballot paper envelope to ascertain whether the declaration of identity is inside.

(4) Where a covering envelope does not contain both—

- (a) a declaration of identity (whether separately or not), and
- (b) a ballot paper envelope or, if there is no ballot paper envelope, a ballot paper (or ballot papers),

the returning officer shall mark the covering envelope “provisionally rejected”, attach its contents (if any) and place it in the receptacle for rejected votes.

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#### **Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 84 in force at 16.2.2001, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/04/2006. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, Section 84 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 15 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.