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**2007 No. 2878**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Returning Officers (Parliamentary  
Constituencies) (England) Order 2007**

*Made - - - - 3rd October 2007*

*Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24(1)(c) and (e) and 28(1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(1).

In accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(c) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(2), he has consulted the Electoral Commission.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) (England) Order 2007.

(2) This Order comes into force—

- (a) for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to a parliamentary election to be held after the issue of a proclamation by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament, on 5th October 2007; and
- (b) for all other purposes, on the issue of a proclamation by Her Majesty summoning a new Parliament.

(3) References to constituencies in this Order are references to those constituencies in England constituted by an Order in Council made under section 4 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986(3).

**Revocations**

2. Subject to article 1(2), the following Orders are revoked—

- (a) the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) (England) Order 1995(4);

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(1) 1983 c.2. Section 24(1)(c) was amended by paragraph 68(3) of Schedule 16 to the [Local Government \(Wales\) Act 1994 \(c.19\)](#). Section 24(1)(e) was amended by [S.I. 2002/1057](#). Section 28(1)(b) was amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c.50\)](#).

(2) 2000 c.41

(3) 1986 c.56

(4) [S.I. 1995/2061](#). This Order was also amended by [S.I. 2002/1057](#).

- (b) the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) (England) (Amendment) Order 1996<sup>(5)</sup>;
- (c) the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) (England) (Amendment) Order 1997<sup>(6)</sup>; and
- (d) the Returning Officers (Parliamentary Constituencies) (England) (Amendment) Order 1999<sup>(7)</sup>.

#### **Designation of returning officers for borough constituencies**

3. In the case of a borough constituency listed in the left-hand column of Schedule 1 to this Order (being a constituency which is not coterminous with or wholly contained in a district), the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the chairman of the council of the district listed in the right-hand column of that Schedule opposite to the name of the constituency.

#### **Designation of returning officers for London borough constituencies**

4. In the case of a borough constituency listed in the left hand column of Schedule 2 to this Order (being a constituency which is situated partly in one London borough and partly in another), the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the mayor of the London borough listed in the right-hand column of that Schedule opposite to the name of the constituency.

5.—(1) Where a London borough council are operating executive arrangements which involve a mayor and cabinet executive or a mayor and council manager executive, article 4 shall have effect as if for the expression “mayor of a London borough” there were substituted “chairman of a London borough”.

(2) In this article, “executive arrangements”, “mayor and cabinet executive” and “mayor and council manager executive” have the same meaning as in Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000<sup>(8)</sup>.

#### **Designation of returning officers for county constituencies**

6. In the case of a county constituency listed in the left-hand column of Schedule 3 to this Order (being a constituency which is not coterminous with or wholly contained in a county, as defined by section 38 of the Sheriffs Act 1887<sup>(9)</sup>), the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be the chairman of the council of the district listed in the right-hand column of that Schedule opposite to the name of the constituency.

#### **Designation of acting returning officers at parliamentary elections**

7. In the case of a county constituency listed in the left-hand column of Schedule 4 to this Order, the duties of the returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be discharged, as acting returning officer, by the registration officer appointed by the council of the district listed in the right-hand column of that Schedule opposite to the name of the constituency.

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(5) [S.I. 1996/898](#)  
(6) [S.I. 1997/537](#)  
(7) [S.I. 1999/950](#)  
(8) [2000 c.22](#)  
(9) [1887 c.55](#)

Ministry of Justice  
3rd October 2007

*Jack Straw*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

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## SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

## Returning Officers for certain Borough Constituencies outside Greater London

<i>Name of borough constituency</i>	<i>District of which chair is returning officer</i>
Ashton-under-Lyne	Tameside
Blackley and Broughton	Manchester
Denton and Reddish	Tameside
Wythenshawe and Sale East	Manchester
Garston and Halewood	Liverpool
St Helens South and Whiston	St Helens
Jarrow	South Tyneside
Halesowen and Rowley Regis	Dudley
Wolverhampton South East	Wolverhampton
Luton South	Luton
Reading East	Reading
Bournemouth West	Bournemouth
Kingston upon Hull West and Hessle	Kingston upon Hull
Brighton, Kemptown	Brighton and Hove
Eastbourne	Eastbourne
Aldershot	Rushmoor
Gosport	Gosport
Broxbourne	Broxbourne
Watford	Watford
Blackpool North and Cleveleys	Blackpool
Hyndburn	Hyndburn
Rossendale and Darwen	Rossendale
Lincoln	Lincoln
Norwich North	Broadland
Norwich South	Norwich
Stoke-on-Trent North	Stoke-on-Trent
Epsom and Ewell	Epsom and Ewell
Worthing West	Worthing

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

## Returning Officers for certain Borough Constituencies in Greater London

<i>Name of borough constituency</i>	<i>London borough of which mayor or chair is returning officer</i>
Dagenham and Rainham	Barking and Dagenham
Erith and Thamesmead	Bexley
Hampstead and Kilburn	Camden
Lewisham West and Penge	Lewisham
Chelsea and Fulham	Hammersmith and Fulham
Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner	Hillingdon
Richmond Park	Richmond upon Thames
Dulwich and West Norwood	Lambeth
Chingford and Woodford Green	Waltham Forest
Leyton and Wanstead	Waltham Forest
Cities of London and Westminster	Westminster

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 6

## Returning Officers for certain county constituencies

<i>Name of county constituency</i>	<i>District of which chair is returning officer</i>
Brigg and Goole	North Lincolnshire
Rutland and Melton	Melton

## SCHEDULE 4

Article 7

## Acting Returning Officers for County Constituencies

<i>Name of county constituency</i>	<i>District of which registration officer is acting returning officer</i>
Bolton West	Bolton
Hazel Grove	Stockport
Heywood and Middleton	Rochdale
Leigh	Wigan
Makerfield	Wigan
Oldham East and Saddleworth	Oldham

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Rochdale	Rochdale
Stalybridge and Hyde	Tameside
Wigan	Wigan
Worsley and Eccles South	Salford
Sefton Central	Sefton
Wirral South	Wirral
Wirral West	Wirral
Barnsley East	Barnsley
Don Valley	Doncaster
Doncaster North	Doncaster
Penistone and Stocksbridge	Sheffield
Rother Valley	Rotherham
Sheffield, Hallam	Sheffield
Wentworth and Dearne	Rotherham
Meriden	Solihull
Calder Valley	Calderdale
Colne Valley	Kirklees
Dewsbury	Kirklees
Elmet and Rothwell	Leeds
Hemsworth	Wakefield
Keighley	Bradford
Morley and Outwood	Leeds
Normanton, Pontefract and Castleford	Wakefield
Shipley	Bradford
Wakefield	Wakefield
North East Somerset	Bath and North East Somerset
Mid Bedfordshire	Mid Bedfordshire
North East Bedfordshire	Bedford
South West Bedfordshire	South Bedfordshire
Bracknell	Bracknell Forest
Maidenhead	Windsor and Maidenhead
Newbury	West Berkshire
Reading West	Reading
Windsor	Windsor and Maidenhead

<i>Name of county constituency</i>	<i>District of which registration officer is acting returning officer</i>
Wokingham	Wokingham
Aylesbury	Aylesbury Vale
Beaconsfield	South Bucks
Buckingham	Aylesbury Vale
Chesham and Amersham	Chiltern
Wycombe	Wycombe
Huntingdon	Huntingdonshire
North East Cambridgeshire	Fenland
North West Cambridgeshire	Peterborough
South Cambridgeshire	South Cambridgeshire
South East Cambridgeshire	East Cambridgeshire
City of Chester	Chester
Congleton	Congleton
Crewe and Nantwich	Crewe and Nantwich
Eddisbury	Vale Royal
Ellesmere Port and Neston	Ellesmere Port
Halton	Halton
Macclesfield	Macclesfield
Tatton	Macclesfield
Weaver Vale	Vale Royal
Camborne and Redruth	Kerrier
North Cornwall	North Cornwall
South East Cornwall	Caradon
St Austell and Newquay	Restormel
St Ives	Penwith
Truro and Falmouth	Carrick
Barrow and Furness	Barrow-in-Furness
Copeland	Copeland
Penrith and The Border	Eden
Westmorland and Lonsdale	South Lakeland
Workington	Allerdale
Amber Valley	Amber Valley
Bolsover	Bolsover
Derbyshire Dales	Derbyshire Dales

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Erewash	Erewash
High Peak	High Peak
Mid Derbyshire	Derby
North East Derbyshire	North East Derbyshire
South Derbyshire	South Derbyshire
Central Devon	West Devon
East Devon	East Devon
Newton Abbot	Teignbridge
North Devon	North Devon
South West Devon	Plymouth
Tiverton and Honiton	Mid Devon
Torrige and West Devon	Torrige
Totnes	South Hams
Christchurch	Christchurch
Mid Dorset and North Poole	Poole
North Dorset	North Dorset
South Dorset	Weymouth and Portland
West Dorset	West Dorset
Bishop Auckland	Wear Valley
City of Durham	City of Durham
Easington	Easington
North Durham	Chester-le-Street
North West Durham	Derwentside
Sedgefield	Sedgefield
Beverley and Holderness	East Riding of Yorkshire
Cleethorpes	North East Lincolnshire
East Yorkshire	East Riding of Yorkshire
Haltemprice and Howden	East Riding of Yorkshire
Scunthorpe	North Lincolnshire
Bexhill and Battle	Rother
Hastings and Rye	Hastings
Lewes	Lewes
Wealden	Wealden
Braintree	Braintree



<i>Name of county constituency</i>	<i>District of which registration officer is acting returning officer</i>
Brentwood and Ongar	Brentwood
Clacton	Tendring
Epping Forest	Epping Forest
Harlow	Harlow
Harwich and North Essex	Colchester
Maldon	Maldon
Rayleigh and Wickford	Rochford
Rochford and Southend East	Southend-on-Sea
Saffron Walden	Uttlesford
South Basildon and East Thurrock	Basildon
Witham	Braintree
Forest of Dean	Forest of Dean
Stroud	Stroud
Tewkesbury	Tewkesbury
The Cotswolds	Cotswold
East Hampshire	East Hampshire
Fareham	Fareham
Meon Valley	Winchester
New Forest East	New Forest
New Forest West	New Forest
North East Hampshire	Hart
North West Hampshire	Test Valley
Romsey and Southampton North	Test Valley
Winchester	Winchester
Hereford and South Herefordshire	Herefordshire
North Herefordshire	Herefordshire
Hemel Hempstead	Dacorum
Hertford and Stortford	East Hertfordshire
Hertsmere	Hertsmere
Hitchin and Harpenden	St Albans
North East Hertfordshire	North Hertfordshire
South West Hertfordshire	Three Rivers
St Albans	St Albans
Stevenage	Stevenage

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Welwyn Hatfield	Welwyn Hatfield
Isle of Wight	Isle of Wight
Ashford	Ashford
Canterbury	Canterbury
Chatham and Aylesford	Medway
Dartford	Dartford
Dover	Dover
Faversham and Mid Kent	Maidstone
Folkestone and Hythe	Shepway
Gravesham	Gravesham
Maidstone and The Weald	Maidstone
North Thanet	Thanet
Rochester and Strood	Medway
Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks
Sittingbourne and Sheppey	Swale
South Thanet	Thanet
Tonbridge and Malling	Tonbridge and Malling
Tunbridge Wells	Tunbridge Wells
Chorley	Chorley
Fylde	Fylde
Lancaster and Fleetwood	Lancaster
Morecambe and Lunesdale	Lancaster
Ribble Valley	Ribble Valley
South Ribble	South Ribble
West Lancashire	West Lancashire
Wyre and Preston North	Wyre
Bosworth	Hinckley and Bosworth
Charnwood	Charnwood
Harborough	Oadby and Wigston
Loughborough	Charnwood
North West Leicestershire	North West Leicestershire
South Leicestershire	Blaby
Boston and Skegness	Boston
Gainsborough	West Lindsey

<i>Name of county constituency</i>	<i>District of which registration officer is acting returning officer</i>
Grantham and Stamford	South Kesteven
Louth and Horncastle	East Lindsey
Sleaford and North Hykeham	North Kesteven
South Holland and The Deepings	South Holland
Middlesborough South and East Cleveland	Redcar and Cleveland
Milton Keynes North	Milton Keynes
Broadland	Broadland
Great Yarmouth	Great Yarmouth
Mid Norfolk	Breckland
North Norfolk	North Norfolk
North West Norfolk	King's Lynn and West Norfolk
South Norfolk	South Norfolk
South West Norfolk	King's Lynn and West Norfolk
Corby	Corby
Daventry	Daventry
Kettering	Kettering
South Northamptonshire	South Northamptonshire
Wellingborough	Wellingborough
North Somerset	North Somerset
Weston-Super-Mare	North Somerset
Berwick-upon-Tweed	Alnwick
Hexham	Tynedale
Wansbeck	Wansbeck
Harrogate and Knaresborough	Harrogate
Richmond (Yorks)	Hambleton
Scarborough and Whitby	Scarborough
Selby and Ainsty	Selby
Skipton and Ripon	Craven
Thirsk and Malton	Ryedale
Ashfield	Ashfield
Bassetlaw	Bassetlaw
Broxtowe	Broxtowe
Gedling	Gedling
Mansfield	Mansfield

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Newark	Newark and Sherwood
Rushcliffe	Rushcliffe
Sherwood	Newark and Sherwood
Banbury	Cherwell
Henley	South Oxfordshire
Oxford West and Abingdon	Vale of White Horse
Wantage	Vale of White Horse
Witney	West Oxfordshire
Ludlow	South Shropshire
North Shropshire	North Shropshire
Shrewsbury and Atcham	Shrewsbury and Atcham
The Wrekin	Telford and Wrekin
Bridgwater and West Somerset	Sedgemoor
Somerton and Frome	South Somerset
Taunton Deane	Taunton Deane
Wells	Mendip
Yeovil	South Somerset
Filton and Bradley Stoke	South Gloucestershire
Thornbury and Yate	South Gloucestershire
Burton	East Staffordshire
Cannock Chase	Cannock Chase
Lichfield	Lichfield
South Staffordshire	South Staffordshire
Stafford	Stafford
Staffordshire Moorlands	Staffordshire Moorlands
Stone	Stafford
Tamworth	Tamworth
Bury St Edmunds	St Edmundsbury
Central Suffolk and North Ipswich	Mid Suffolk
South Suffolk	Babergh
Suffolk Coastal	Suffolk Coastal
Waveney	Waveney
West Suffolk	Forest Heath
East Surrey	Tandridge

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Guildford	Guildford
Mole Valley	Mole Valley
Runnymede and Weybridge	Runnymede
South West Surrey	Waverley
Surrey Heath	Surrey Heath
Woking	Woking
North Swindon	Swindon
South Swindon	Swindon
Kenilworth and Southam	Warwick
North Warwickshire	North Warwickshire
Nuneaton	Nuneaton and Bedworth
Rugby	Rugby
Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford on Avon
Arundel and South Downs	Horsham
Bognor Regis and Littlehampton	Arun
Chichester	Chichester
East Worthing and Shoreham	Adur
Horsham	Horsham
Mid Sussex	Mid Sussex
Chippenham	North Wiltshire
Devizes	Kennet
North Wiltshire	North Wiltshire
Salisbury	Salisbury
South West Wiltshire	West Wiltshire
Bromsgrove	Bromsgrove
Mid Worcestershire	Wychavon
Redditch	Redditch
West Worcestershire	Malvern Hills
Wyre Forest	Wyre Forest
York Outer	York

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order makes provision for the designation of returning officers and acting returning officers in certain constituencies in England, in consequence of changes made to parliamentary constituency boundaries in England by the Parliamentary Constituencies (England) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1681).

The Order does not come fully into force until the next general parliamentary election is called.

Article 3 and Schedule 1 designates returning officers for borough constituencies, outside Greater London, that cross certain local authority boundaries.

Article 4 and Schedule 2 designates returning officers for borough constituencies, in Greater London, that cross London borough boundaries.

Article 6 and Schedule 3 designates the returning officers for county constituencies that cross county boundaries.

Article 7 and Schedule 4 designates acting returning officers for county constituencies.