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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 414 (C. 16)**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013  
(Commencement No. 5 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2014**

*Made - - - - 25th February 2014*

The Lord President of the Council makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25(1) and 27(1), (4) and (10) of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013<sup>(1)</sup>.

**Citation and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2014.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

**Provisions coming into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made**

2. Section 13(3) and (4) of the Act (references to periods of imprisonment) comes into force on the day after the day on which this Order is made.

**Provisions coming into force on 6th April 2014**

3. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 6th April 2014—

- (a) section 14 (extension of timetable for parliamentary elections);
- (b) section 16 (alteration of electoral registers: pending elections);
- (c) section 18 (inadequate performance of returning officer: reduction of charges);
- (d) section 20 (use of emblems on ballot papers);
- (e) section 21 (community support officers).

**Transitory provisions in relation to provisions listed in article 3**

4. The provisions listed in article 3 do not apply for the purposes of an election in respect of which the date of the poll specified in the notice of election is on or before 21st May 2014.

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(1) 2013 c.6. Section 25(1) defines “the Minister” as the Lord President of the Council or the Secretary of State.

**Provisions coming into force on 10th June 2014 in England and Wales and on 19th September 2014 in Scotland**

5. The following provisions of the Act come into force on 10th June 2014 in England and Wales and on 19th September 2014 in Scotland—

- (a) section 1 (individual registration);
- (b) section 2(1) to (5) (applications for registration and verification of entitlement etc);
- (c) section 3 (proxies to be registered electors);
- (d) section 4 (annual canvass);
- (e) section 5 (invitations to register);
- (f) section 7 (power to amend or abolish the annual canvass);
- (g) section 8 (consulting Electoral Commission about proposals under section 7);
- (h) section 9 (piloting of changes to the annual canvass);
- (i) section 12 (interpretation of Part 1);
- (j) section 13(1) and (2) (amendments and transitional provision), so far as not already in force;
- (k) Schedule 1 (register of electors: alterations and removal);
- (l) Schedule 3 (civil penalty for failing to make application when required by registration officer);
- (m) Schedule 4 (amendments to do with Part 1), with the exception of paragraphs 9(4)(b) and 10(5);
- (n) Schedule 5 (transitional provision to do with Part 1), so far as not already in force.

Signed by authority of the Lord President of the Council

25th February 2014

*Greg Clark*  
Minister of State  
Cabinet Office

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This is the fifth Commencement Order for the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6) (“the Act”) and brings into force the remaining uncommenced provisions of the Act, with the exception of paragraphs 9(4)(b) and 10(5) of Schedule 4.

Article 2 brings into force, on the day after the day on which the Order is made, section 13(3) and (4), which makes transitional provisions in relation to provisions in the Act dealing with the sentencing powers of magistrates’ courts.

Article 3 brings into force, on 6th April 2014, section 14 (which provides for the extension of the timetable for parliamentary elections), section 16 (which provides for the alteration of electoral registers pending elections), section 18 (which provides for the Electoral Commission to recommend a reduction of charges payable to the returning officer for inadequate performance), section 20 (which provides for jointly nominated candidates to use an emblem on the ballot paper at a parliamentary election) and section 21 (which makes provision in relation to community support officers at polling stations). However, those provisions of the Act will not apply for the purposes of an election in respect of which the date of the poll specified in the notice of election is on or before 21st May 2014 (article 4).

Article 5 brings into force on 10th June 2014, in England and Wales, and on 19th September 2014, in Scotland, the remaining uncommenced provisions of the Act which relate to individual electoral registration.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

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

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 2(6)	05.02.2013	<a href="#">2013/219</a>
Section 6	23.04.2013	<a href="#">2013/969</a>
Section 10	02.04.2013	<a href="#">2013/702</a>
Section 11	25.03.2013	<a href="#">2013/702</a>
Section 13(2) (partially)	05.02.2013	<a href="#">2013/219</a>
Section 15	02.04.2013	<a href="#">2013/702</a>
Section 17	02.04.2013	<a href="#">2013/702</a>
Section 19	22.05.2014	<a href="#">2014/336</a>
Section 22	02.04.2013	<a href="#">2013/702</a>
Section 23	02.04.2013	<a href="#">2013/702</a>
Schedule 2	05.02.2013	<a href="#">2013/219</a>
Schedule 5 paragraphs 4(4) and 9(1) and (5) to (7)	05.02.2013	<a href="#">2013/219</a>

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