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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 295**

**The Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016**

**PART 1**

**GENERAL**

**Application**

- 2.—(1) These Regulations apply to the United Kingdom with the following exceptions.
- (2) The following provisions apply to England and Wales and Scotland only—
- (a) regulation 27 (signing procedure);
  - (b) regulation 51 (absent signing at any petition for a definite or an indefinite period);
  - (c) regulation 53 (absent signing at a particular petition);
  - (d) regulation 55 (absent signers lists);
  - (e) regulation 59 (the personal identifiers record);
  - (f) regulation 64 (additional requirements for applications for a proxy signature for a definite or indefinite period on the grounds of blindness or other disability);
  - (g) regulation 67 (additional provision concerning the requirement that an application for absent signing must be signed by the applicant);
  - (h) regulation 68 (additional requirements for applications for a proxy signature in respect of a particular petition);
  - (i) regulation 69 (additional requirements for applications for an emergency proxy signature in respect of a particular petition);
  - (j) regulation 71 (closing date for applications);
  - (k) regulation 83 (form of postal petition statement);
  - (l) regulation 94 (spoilt postal signing sheets);
  - (m) regulation 96 (lost postal signing sheets);
  - (n) regulation 106 (confirming receipt of postal signing statements);
  - (o) regulation 107 (procedure in relation to postal petition statements: personal identifier verification);
  - (p) regulation 110 (list of rejected postal signing sheets);
  - (q) regulation 111 (checking of lists of rejected postal signing sheets);
  - (r) regulation 115 (notification of a rejected postal petition statement);
  - (s) regulation 116 (requirement to provide fresh signature following rejection of a postal petition statement);
  - (t) regulation 127 (disturbances at petition meetings);
  - (u) paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 (supply of register).

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- (3) The following provisions apply to England and Wales and Northern Ireland only—
- (a) regulation 44 (delivery of documents to the registration officer);
  - (b) regulation 45 (orders for production of documents);
  - (c) regulation 46 (retention of documents).
- (4) The following provisions apply to England and Wales only—
- (a) regulation 74 (appeals);
  - (b) Part 2 of Schedule 4 (the Election Petition Rules 1960).
- (5) The following provisions apply to Northern Ireland only—
- (a) regulation 28 (signing procedure);
  - (b) regulation 31 (refusal to deliver signing sheet);
  - (c) regulation 52 (absent signing at any petition for an indefinite period);
  - (d) regulation 54 (absent signing at a particular petition);
  - (e) regulation 56 (absent signers lists);
  - (f) regulation 65 (additional requirements for applications for a proxy signature for an indefinite period on grounds of blindness or other disability);
  - (g) regulation 70 (additional requirements for applications in respect of a particular petition);
  - (h) regulation 72 (closing date for applications);
  - (i) regulation 76 (appeals);
  - (j) regulation 84 (form of declaration of identity);
  - (k) regulation 95 (spoilt postal signing sheets);
  - (l) regulation 97 (lost postal signing sheets);
  - (m) regulation 105 (procedure in relation to declaration of identity).
- (6) The following provisions apply to Scotland only—
- (a) regulation 47 (retention and disposal of documents in Scotland);
  - (b) regulation 75 (appeals).

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 2 in force at 4.3.2016, see [reg. 1](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulations applied by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 11 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(i\)](#) words inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(d\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(p\)](#) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(q\)](#) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(r\)](#) word substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)

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

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

- [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(e\)\(ia\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 3\(1\)\(b\)\(v\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(22\)\(b\)](#)
- [Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)\(e\)\(i\)](#) words omitted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(5\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(aa\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(ea\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(c\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(ia\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(e\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(ja\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(f\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(jb\)-\(je\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(2\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(ma\)-\(mc\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(za\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(a\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(2\)\(za\)](#) omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 16\(2\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(5\)\(n\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(5\)\(ba\)\(bb\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(5\)\(ma\)\(mb\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 2\(5\)\(za\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- [reg. 13A13B](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(1\)](#)
- [reg. 17\(3\)\(c\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 71\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 17\(3\)\(c\)](#) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 15](#)
- [reg. 18\(7\)\(fa\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 72\(a\)](#)
- [reg. 19\(3\)\(e\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(2\)](#)
- [reg. 19\(3A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 73\(a\)](#)
- [reg. 19\(4A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 12\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 19\(5A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 73\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 20A amendments](#) by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), [regs. 70-75](#), [77](#), [78](#), [80-82](#) extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- [reg. 20A](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 74](#)
- [reg. 20A](#) words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 16\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- [reg. 20A](#) heading words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 16\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 22\(1\)\(ba\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(4\)](#)
- [reg. 25\(3A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 75\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 25\(4A\)-\(4C\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 75\(d\)](#)
- [reg. 25\(4A\)](#) words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 17\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- [reg. 25\(4A\)\(b\)](#) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 25\(6\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 75\(f\)](#)
- [reg. 27\(1A\)-\(1N\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 76\(3\)](#)
- [reg. 28\(3A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 18\(3\)](#)
- [reg. 28\(6A\)-\(6C\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 18\(7\)](#)
- [reg. 28\(7A\)-\(7C\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 18\(9\)](#)

- reg. 29(1)(1A) substituted for reg. 29(1) by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 19\(2\)](#)
- reg. 29(2A) amendments by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 29(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 77](#)
- reg. 30(7A) amendments by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 30(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 78](#)
- reg. 30A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 79](#)
- reg. 33(5)(ea) amendments by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 33(5)(ea) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 80](#)
- reg. 37(1)(ea) amendments by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 37(1)(ea) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 81](#)
- reg. 37(1)(eb) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 22](#)
- reg. 39(3)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 39(5)(d) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(5\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 43(2)(ba) amendments by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 43(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 82](#)
- reg. 44(1)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 83](#)
- reg. 45(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 84](#)
- reg. 45A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(3\)](#)
- reg. 46(1) reg. 46 renumbered as reg. 46(1) by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 46(2) inserted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 46(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(6\)](#)
- reg. 46A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(4\)](#)
- reg. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 51(1B)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 51(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(6\)\(e\)](#)
- reg. 52(1)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- reg. 52(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 52(9)(10) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 52(9)-(9B) substituted for reg. 52(9) by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 52(10) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 54(1)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 54(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 54(6)(7) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 54(6)-(6B) substituted for reg. 54(6) by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 54(7) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 57(3)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 57(5)(5A) substituted for reg. 57(5) by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 58(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 60(1)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 60(6A)-(6E) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 63(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 63A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 86](#)
- reg. 64(5)(b)(v) and word inserted by [S.I. 2022/332 art. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 64(5)(b)(iv) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1188 art. 9\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 65(4)(b)(v) and word inserted by [S.I. 2022/332 art. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 65(4)(b)(iv) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1188 art. 9\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 68(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(11\)](#)
- reg. 69A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 88](#)
- reg. 71(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 89\(3\)](#)
- reg. 71(4A)(4B) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 89\(6\)](#)
- reg. 71(4A) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(12\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 71(4C) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(12\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 71(8) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 89\(7\)](#)

- reg. 71A inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 90
- reg. 72A-72C inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19(13)
- reg. 72B(5A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(a)
- reg. 72B(6) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(b)(i)
- reg. 72B(6)(d)(i) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(b)(ii)
- reg. 72B(7)(c)(ii)(aa) word inserted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(c)
- reg. 72B(8) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(i)
- reg. 72B(8)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(ii)
- reg. 72B(8)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(iii)
- reg. 72B(8)(c) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(iii)
- reg. 72B(8)(ca) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 25(2)
- reg. 73(9)-(13) inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19(14)(b)
- reg. 73A inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19(15)
- reg. 99(2A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(7)(c)
- reg. 99A-99D inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(8)
- reg. 102A-102E inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(10)
- reg. 110(6)-(9) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(12)(c)
- reg. 110A inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(13)
- reg. 112(1)(f) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(15)(a)
- reg. 112(2)(d) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(15)(b)
- reg. 115(1)(a)(i) words in reg. 115(1)(a) renumbered as reg. 115(1)(a)(i) by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(ii)(aa)
- reg. 115(1)(a)(ii)(iii) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(ii)(bb)
- reg. 115(1)(c)(i) words in reg. 115(1)(c) renumbered as reg. 115(1)(c)(i) by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(iii)(aa)
- reg. 115(1)(c)(ii) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(iii)(bb)
- reg. 115A inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(18)
- reg. 117(ba) inserted by S.I. 2023/1141 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 119(1A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19(16)(a)
- reg. 122A inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(19)
- reg. 123(4A)-(4F) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(20)(a)
- reg. 123A inserted by S.I. 2023/1141 reg. 8(3)
- reg. 124A inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14(5)
- reg. 144(2A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 91(b)