STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1989 No. 2406

The Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989

PART VI

INTEGRATED EDUCATION

CHAPTER II

GRANT#MAINTAINED INTEGRATED SCHOOLS

Procedure for acquisition of grant#maintained integrated status

Initiation of procedure for acquisition of grant#maintained integrated status by existing school

69.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), in the case of any controlled or voluntary school which is eligible for grant#maintained integrated status, a ballot of parents on the question of whether grant# maintained integrated status should be sought for the school shall be held in accordance with Article 70 if either—

- $[^{F1}(a)$ the Board of Governors decides by a resolution passed at a meeting of that Board to hold such a ballot; or]
 - (b) the Board of Governors receives a written request to hold such a ballot which meets the requirements of paragraph (2).

(2) Those requirements are that the request must be signed, or otherwise endorsed in such manner as the Department may approve, by a number of parents of registered pupils at the school equal to at least twenty per cent. of the number of registered pupils at the school on the date on which the request is received.

Para. (3) rep. by 1996 NI 1

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), on the passing of $[F^1$ a resolution under] paragraph (1)(a) or (as the case may be) on receipt of any such request as is mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) it shall be the duty of the Board of Governors—

- (a) to secure that a ballot is held in accordance with Article 70 not earlier than twenty#eight days and not later than[^{F2} three months] or such longer period as the Department may approve after the date on which the^{F3}... resolution was passed or the request was received; and
- (b) to give notice in writing that such a ballot is to be held[^{F1} to—

(i) the [^{F4}Authority];

- (ii) if the school is a voluntary school, the trustees of the school;
- (iii) if the school is a Catholic maintained school, the Council for Catholic Maintained Schools.]

(5) Paragraphs (1) and (4) shall not apply if in the case of the school in question a ballot has been held in accordance with Article 70 earlier in the same school year as that in which $[^{F1}$ the resolution under paragraph (1)(a)] is passed or (as the case may be) the request is received, unless the Department gives consent in writing for a new ballot to be held.

(6) A request such as is mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) shall be taken as having been received by a Board of Governors if given or sent to the chairman or secretary of the Board.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), it shall be the duty of the Board of Governors of any controlled or voluntary school which is eligible for grant#maintained integrated status, at the request of any parent of a registered pupil at the school, to make available to the parent for inspection (at all reasonable times and free of charge) at the school, and to supply the parent with a copy of, a list containing the name and address of every person who is known to the Board of Governors to be such a parent if the request is made—

- (a) in connection with any proposal that a ballot should be held in accordance with Article 70; or
- (b) where the Board of Governors is under a duty by virtue of this Article or Article 70(8) to secure that such a ballot is held, in connection with the holding of the ballot.

(8) A Board of Governors shall not disclose to a parent under paragraph (7) the name and address of any person unless that person has consented in writing to the disclosure of that information; and accordingly the name and address of any person who has not so consented shall be excluded from the list mentioned in that paragraph.

(9) A Board of Governors which in pursuance of paragraph (7) supplies copies of the list there mentioned may charge such fee as it thinks fit (not exceeding the cost of supply) in respect of each copy so supplied.

(10) For the purposes of this Article, it shall be for the Board of Governors to determine any question whether a person is a parent of a registered pupil at the school.

F4 Word in art. 69(4)(b)(i) substituted (1.4.2015) by Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c. 12), Sch. 3 para. 11(1) (with Sch. 2 para. 4(3)); S.R. 2015/35, art. 2(b)

F1 1996 NI 1

F2 1993 NI 12

F3 1996 NI 1

Changes to legislation:

The Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, Section 69 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 May 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.

View outstanding changes

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

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

- art. 13(3)(b) words repealed by S.I. 2015/2006 (N.I.) Sch. 12 Pt. 1