

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Returning Officers' Expenses.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918 (7 AND 8 GEO 5,
C. 64).

1924. No. 46.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as "The Ministry") by Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, as that Act applies to Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, and of any order made by His Majesty in Council under the last-mentioned Act, the Ministry hereby prescribes that the scale of Returning Officers' expenses in connection with Parliamentary Elections to the Parliament of Northern Ireland—as prescribed in an Order dated 23rd August, 1923 (Statutory Rules and Orders of Northern Ireland, 1923, No. 39)—shall become operative from the 1st day of July, 1923, in lieu of the 1st day of January, 1923, as provided in the Order.

Sealed with the official seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 27th day of May, 1924, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

(O.S.)

Returning Officers' Expenses (Bye-Elections).

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918 (7 AND 8
GEO. 5, C. 64).

1924. No. 63.

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as "The Ministry") by Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, as that Act applies to Northern Ireland under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Act, 190, and of any Order made by His Majesty in Council under the last-mentioned Act, the Ministry hereby prescribes that the Returning Officer shall be entitled in respect of the conduct of Parliamentary Elections (other than University Elections) of members to the Parliament of Northern Ireland to his reasonable charges not exceeding the sums hereinafter set forth, provided that the charges for disbursements are in no case to exceed the sums actually and necessarily paid or payable.

This scale will be applicable to elections conducted after the date of this Order, other than elections of the full number of members, and is subject to any alterations which may from time to time be made.

A.—FOR SERVICES OF RETURNING OFFICERS.

I.—*In a Contested Election.*

	£	s.	d.
(i) Fee for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a Returning Officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to parliamentary elections, (other than any duties in connection with voting by absent voters for which a separate fee is prescribed by this scale).			
(1) For every constituency in a Parliamentary County at the election of one member for the constituency :—			
(a) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000	50	0	0
(b) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 25,000 up to 35,000 an additional ..	1	0	0
(c) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 35,000 up to 45,000 an additional ..	0	15	0
(d) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 45,000 an additional	0	10	0
(2) For every constituency in a Parliamentary County at the election of two members for the constituency :—			
(a) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 50,000	75	0	0
(b) For each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 50,000 up to 60,000 an additional ..	1	0	0
(c) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 60,000 up to 70,000 an additional ..	0	15	0
(d) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 70,000 an additional	0	10	0
(3) For a constituency in the Parliamentary Borough of Belfast :—			
(a) if the number of registered electors does not exceed 25,000	40	0	0
(b) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 25,000 up to 35,000 an additional ..	1	0	0
(c) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 35,000 up to 45,000 an additional ..	0	15	0
(d) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 45,000	0	10	0
(ii) Additional fee for services in connection with the dispatch and receipt of the ballot papers of absent voters :—			
For every constituency in a Parliamentary County or a Parliamentary Borough—			
(a) if the number of absent voters in the constituency (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 1,000 ..		Nil.	
(b) if the number exceeds 1,000 but does not exceed 2,000	10	0	0
(c) for each additional 50 or fraction thereof beyond 2,000 an additional	0	1	0

II.—*In an Uncontested Election.*

One-fourth of the sums allowed for a contested election.

B.—DISBURSEMENTS.

I.—In a Contested Election.

	In a Con- stituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Con- stituency in the Parliamentary Borough of Belfast.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. For the presiding officer employed at a polling station to include all expenses other than any travelling expenses authorised by this scale	3 3 0	3 0 0
2. For one clerk at each polling station where not more than 600 voters are assigned to such station ..	1 5 0	1 5 0
For an additional clerk at a polling station for every number of 600 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 600 assigned to such polling station ..	1 5 0	1 5 0
(In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling station, absent voters other than proxy voters must be excluded.)		
3. For the remuneration of persons engaged in counting the votes—		
(a) if the number of registered electors in the constituency does not exceed 20,000—a total sum of ..	14 0 0	14 0 0
(b) for each additional 2,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 20,000 an additional ..	0 15 0	0 15 0
4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of dispatching and receiving the ballot papers of absent voters—		
(a) if the number of absent voters (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 200	3 0 0	3 0 0
(b) for each additional 100 or fraction thereof beyond 200 (excluding proxy voters) an additional ..	0 15 0	0 15 0
5. For all clerical and other assistance employed by the Returning Officer for the purposes of the election, including any services for which payment is not otherwise authorised by this scale.		
If the number of registered electors—		
(a) does not exceed 25,000 ..	30 0 0	25 0 0
(b) exceeds 25,000—for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof an additional ..	1 2 6	1 0 0
6. Returning Officers' travelling expenses where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election,		
	First Class Railway Expenses, or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance of £1 a night for not more than five nights when necessarily absent from home on account of duty.	

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in the Parliamentary Borough of Belfast.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<p>7. Travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks (including any expenses incurred in conveying the ballot boxes in those cases in which presiding officers or poll clerks are responsible for the transport of the boxes to or from the polling stations.</p>	<p>Third Class Railway Expenses, or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance to presiding officers of £1, and to poll clerks of 10s., for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.</p>	<p>If a residing officer or poll clerk is responsible for the conveyance of the ballot boxes (but not otherwise) actual and necessary cost.</p>
<p>8. Travelling expenses of clerical or other assistants other than counting assistants employed by the Returning Officer where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.</p>	<p>Third class railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost with subsistence allowance of 10s. a night for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.</p>	
<p>9. For printing and providing ballot papers.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>10. For printing and providing notices, and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing same.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>11. For the renting of any building or room for the purposes of the election and for expenses for heating, lighting and cleaning any building or room.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>12. For adapting any building or room for the purposes of the election and restoring it to fit condition for its normal use including the fitting up of voting compartments and the hire of necessary furniture where this is not otherwise obtainable.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>13. For every ballot box required to be hired or repaired.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>14. For the conveyance of ballot boxes, ballot papers, etc., in those cases where the cost of transport is not included in the travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks under B1.7.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>15. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered or repaired.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>16. For copies of the register.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	
<p>17. For general stationery, postage, and telegrams and telephone messages.</p>	<p>Actual and necessary cost.</p>	

II.—*In an Uncontested Election.*

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency of the Parliamentary Borough of Belfast.
For all necessary preliminary work,	Actual and necessary cost within the above scale, not exceeding, under BI. 5 for clerical and other assistance, one-fourth of the fees which would be payable for a contested election.	

Sealed with the official seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of October, 1924, in the presence of

G. C. Duggan,

(L.S.)

Assistant Secretary.

PETTY SESSIONS CLERKS.

Salaries.

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE PETTY SESSIONS CLERKS AND FINES (IRELAND) ACT, 1878, AND THE DOGS REGULATIONS (IRELAND) ACT, 1920.

1924. No. 107.

Whereas, by the Petty Sessions Clerks and Fines (Ireland) Act, 1878, the Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland) Act, 1881, the Dogs Regulation (Ireland) Acts, 1865 and 1919, the Government of Ireland Act, 1920, the Irish Free State (Consequential Provisions) Act, 1922, and the Petty Sessions Fees and Administration Act (Northern Ireland), 1923, the Governor of Northern Ireland is empowered to fix and from time to time vary the scale of salaries to be paid to Petty Sessions Clerks, and to make provisions with regard to the payment of such salaries :

Now, I, James Albert Edward, Governor of Northern Ireland, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon Me by the said Acts and all other powers Me thereunto enabling hereby order as follows :—

1. The scale and salary for Clerks of Petty Sessions in Districts where no part of the fines is payable to the Fines and Fees Account kept by the Ministry of Home