

**Elections : County and Rural Districts.**

1931. No. 12.

To the Council of every Administrative County in Northern Ireland ; and to the Secretary of every such Council :  
To the District Council of every Rural and Urban District in Northern Ireland ; and to the Clerk of every such Council :  
And to all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland) 1898 to 1923, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland by an Order under Seal entitled The County and Rural District Councillors (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1924, (hereinafter referred to as " the Order " ), did order and direct that, subject to any directions that might be given by the said Ministry or until the Ministry should otherwise order, the rules contained in the said Order should be observed in connection with the election of county and rural district councillors in Northern Ireland :

And Whereas it is provided by Article 25 of the Order that the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1872, which with adaptations and alterations are set out in the third schedule to the Order shall subject to such adaptations and alterations, apply to the elections therein specified :

And Whereas Rule 50 in the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872, as set out in the Third Schedule to the Order (which Rule as so set out is hereinafter referred to as " Rule 50 " ) provides with respect to Elections of County and Rural District Councillors in Northern Ireland that the presiding officer may do by the clerks appointed to assist him any act which he is required or authorised to do by the Act at a polling station, except ordering the arrest, exclusion, or ejection from the polling station of any person :

And Whereas it appears expedient to the Ministry that so much of the Third Schedule to the Order as sets out Rule 50 for the purpose of Elections of County and Rural District Councillors should be amended in manner hereinafter appearing.

Now, therefore, The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of every power in this behalf enabling the Ministry hereby orders and directs as follows :—

1. So much of Rule 50 as prevents the presiding officer of a polling station at Elections for County and Rural District Councillors from empowering the clerks appointed to assist him to order the arrest or exclusion or ejection from the polling station of any person shall cease to have effect.

2. This Order shall be cited as the County and Rural District Councillors (N.I.) Election Order, 1931, and shall be construed as one with the Order.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, this 11th day of February, 1931.

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*D. L. Clarke,*

Assistant Secretary.

### **Elections : Guardians.**

1931. No. 13.

To the Council of every Administrative County in Northern Ireland, and to the Secretary of every such Council ;  
 To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of every Borough in Northern Ireland ;  
 To the Town Clerk of every such Borough ;  
 To the Urban District Council of every Urban District in Northern Ireland, not being a Borough ; and to the Clerk of every such Council ;  
 And to all others whom it may concern :

WHEREAS in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Local Government Acts (Northern Ireland), 1898 to 1923, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland by an Order under Seal entitled The Guardians (Northern Ireland) Election Order, 1924, (hereinafter referred to as " the Order "), did order and direct that, subject to any directions that might be given by the said Ministry or until the Ministry should otherwise order, the rules contained in the said Order should be observed in connection with the election of guardians in boroughs and urban county districts in Northern Ireland :

And Whereas it is provided by Article 24 of the Order that the provisions of the Ballot Act, 1872, which with adaptations and alterations are set out in the Third Schedule to the Order shall, subject to such adaptations and alterations, apply to the election of Guardians :

And Whereas Rule 50 in the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872, as set out in the Third Schedule to the Order, (which Rule as so set out is hereinafter referred to as " Rule 50 ") provides with respect to Elections of Guardians in Northern Ireland that the presiding officer may do by the clerks appointed to assist him any act which he is required or authorised to do by the Act at a polling station, except ordering the arrest, exclusion, or ejection from the polling station of any person :