

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Returning Officers' Charges.

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD FEBRUARY, 1931, UNDER SECTION 29 OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918, (7 AND 8 GEO. 5, C. 64), IN ITS APPLICATION TO NORTHERN IRELAND, PRESCRIBING SCALE OF MAXIMUM CHARGES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AT ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

1931. No. 19.

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, the Ministry hereby prescribes that the Returning Officer shall be entitled, in respect of the conduct of Elections of members to serve in the Parliament of Northern Ireland for constituencies (other than the University constituency) constituted by the House of Commons (Method of Voting and Redistribution of Seats) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, 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 all elections of such members as aforesaid conducted after the 30th April, 1929, 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.

Fee (to include the cost of such legal assistance, if any, as the Returning Officer may determine to employ) 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—

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| (i) For every constituency in a Parliamentary County | £27 10 0 |
| (ii) For every constituency in a Parliamentary Borough | £22 10 0 |

II.—In an Uncontested Election.

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

B.—DISBURSEMENTS.
I.—In a Contested Election.

| | In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County. | In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough. |
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| | £ 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 10,000 a total sum of | 7 0 0 | 7 0 0 |
| (b) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 10,000 an additional | 0 7 6 | 0 7 6 |

| | In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County. | In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough. |
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| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of despatching and receiving the ballot papers of absent voters— | | |
| (a) if the number of absent voters (excluding proxy voters) does not exceed 50 | 0 10 0 | 0 10 0 |
| (b) for each additional 50 or fraction thereof (excluding proxy voters) an additional | 0 7 6 | 0 7 6 |
| 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 10,000 | 16 0 0 | 12 10 0 |
| (b) exceeds 10,000—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 a Parliamentary Borough. |
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| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 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). | 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. | If a presiding officer or poll clerk is responsible for the conveyance of the ballot boxes (but not otherwise) actual and necessary cost. |
| 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. | 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. | |
| 9. For printing and providing ballot papers | | Actual and necessary cost. |
| 10. For printing and providing notices, and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing same | | Actual and necessary cost. |

| | In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County. | In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough. |
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| 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 .. | | Actual and necessary cost. |
| 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 | | Actual and necessary cost. |
| 13. For every ballot box required to be hired or repaired | | Actual and necessary cost. |
| 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 B. I. 7 | | Actual and necessary cost. |
| 15. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered or repaired | | Actual and necessary cost. |
| 16. For copies of the register .. | | Actual and necessary cost. |
| 17. For general stationery, postage, and telegrams and telephone messages | | Actual and necessary cost. |

II.—In an Uncontested Election.

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

The Regulations made by the Ministry of Finance on 26th April, 1929, under Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, (7 & 8 Geo. V., c. 64), in its application to Northern Ireland, prescribing scale of charges applicable to elections of Members of the House of Commons of Northern Ireland are hereby revoked.*

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, this 23rd day of February, 1931, in the presence of

(L.S.)

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

*S. R. & O., N. I., 1929, No. 40.

PENSION.

Increase of Pensions.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT, 1920 (10 & 11 GEO. 5, C. 36), RELATING TO PENSIONERS TO WHOM SECTION 1 OF THAT ACT AS AMENDED BY THE EDUCATION ACT (N.I.), 1923, AND THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT (N.I.), 1926, APPLIES.

1931. No. 20.

1. The Treasury Regulations of the 30th August and 23rd December, 1920,(a) and 12th November, 1921,(b) are hereby repealed in their application to Northern Ireland, and the

(a) Imperial S. R. & O. 1920, Nos. 1725 and 2383.

(b) Imperial S. R. & O. 1921, No. 1814.