

SECTION NINETEEN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS (WAR-TIME REGISTRATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1944.

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In pursuance of the powers conferred upon me by Section 19 of the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act (Northern Ireland), 1944, I hereby make the following regulations :—

PART I.

REGISTRATION

Form of Register

1.—(1) The civilian residence register, the business premises register and the service register shall each be framed in separate sections for each registration unit in the constituency.

Separate section of register for each registration unit.

2.—(1) The Council of the County Borough or County in which the registration unit is situated may determine the order to be adopted for

Order of names in register.

the names in any section of the register, but subject to any such determination the names in each section shall be arranged either in street order, or in alphabetical order, or alphabetically in townland order, according to the order adopted for the corresponding parts of the 1939 register :

Provided that (subject to any such determination) the names in any section or part of a section of the service register may, if the registration officer sees fit, be arranged in alphabetical order though not so arranged in the corresponding part of the 1939 register.

(2) This regulation, so far as it relates to the civilian residence and business premises registers, is subject to the provision made later in these regulations for compiling the said registers from the electors lists.

3.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, the names in the register shall be numbered consecutively with a separate series of numbers (beginning with the number one) in each of the three registers for each polling district.

(2) For the purpose of distinguishing one series from another there shall be assigned to each of the three registers and to each polling district a separate letter or letters, and the letters respectively indicating the register and the polling district shall (without being repeated in the register against every number) be treated as incorporated with the series relating to that polling district in that register and as forming part of each number of the series.

(3) The names in the electors lists for the civilian residence and business premises registers shall be numbered in the same way as names in those registers, and the numbering of the names in the electors list shall be retained in the register—

- (a) the number of any name omitted in the register (either altogether or from the place where it appeared in the electors list) being left with a blank opposite it to show the omission is intentional ; and
- (b) (except at the end of a series) any name inserted in the register or at a different place in the register, whether as the result of a claim or objection or to correct a mistake, being given such interpolated number (for instance 463/1 for a name inserted between the names numbered 463 and 464) as the registration officer thinks fit to indicate its place in the register.

(4) If any correction has to be made in any draft or proof of any register or of any electors list after the names have been numbered, then in making the correction the registration officer may, to save renumbering, leave a blank opposite a number or interpolate a number as indicated in sub-paragraph (a) or (b), as the case may be, of the last foregoing paragraph.

4. For the purpose of indicating the way in which any elector is entitled to vote at an election, letters shall be placed against the names in the register, as follows :—

- (a) in the service register, against the name of any elector other than a member of the forces who is registered—
- (i) as a seaman, the letter " S " ;
 - (ii) as a war worker, the letter " W " ;
- (b) in each register, against the name of any elector if he is entitled to vote by proxy, the letter " P " ;
- (c) in each register, against the name of any elector if he, or, in the case of the service register, if he or some person as his proxy, is entitled to vote by post, the letter " A " .

5. The registers for the registration units making up any constituency shall together form the register of parliamentary electors for that constituency.

Electors Lists

6.—(1) On the initiation of an election in a constituency, it shall be the duty of the registration officer, within the time allowed by these regulations, to prepare and publish a civilian residence electors list and a business premises electors list, which shall respectively be in the form to be adopted, in pursuance of regulations one and two of these regulations, for the corresponding parts of the register for the constituency.

(2) The civilian residence electors list shall contain the names and qualifying addresses of all persons who appear to the registration officer, from information furnished to him in accordance with national registration regulations or otherwise acquired by him, to be qualified to be registered in the civilian residence register for the election.

(3) The business premises electors list shall contain the names and qualifying addresses of all persons who appear to the registration officer from information acquired by him by sufficient enquiry, to be qualified to be registered in the business premises register for the election :

Provided that the registration officer shall omit from the said list the name of any person who appears to him, from such examination as it is practicable for him to make of the information at his disposal, to be qualified to be registered in the civilian residence or service register for the election.

Claims and Objections

7. The registration officer shall, within the time allowed by these regulations, publish a notice specifying the mode in which and the times within which claims and objections to the electors lists may be made under these regulations.

Making and recording of claims and objections.

8.—(1) At any time after the publication of any of the electors lists for an election in a constituency and within the time allowed by these regulations, any person may send to the registration officer—

- (a) a claim to have his name entered in that list, or, if it is already entered therein, to have it entered in a different place or manner ;
- (b) if his name is entered in that or any other of those lists, an objection to the inclusion in that list of the name of any person, or to the place or manner in which the name of any person is entered therein.

(2) Every such claim shall give particulars of the qualification claimed and shall state the claimant's national registration number.

(3) A claim for inclusion in the business premises register shall not be entertained if the name of the person making the claim is already entered in the civilian residence electors list for the election by virtue of a residence qualification in the constituency, provided that if successful objection is made to the inclusion of the said person's name in the civilian residence electors list the registration officer shall thereupon take into consideration his claim to be included in the business premises register and if he is satisfied that the claimant is qualified to be so registered he shall enter his name in the said register.

(4) Every objection shall give particulars of the grounds of the objection and shall state the electors list in which the objector's name is entered and his qualifying address and in relation to such objections the provisions of Rule 44 (10) of the First Schedule to the Act of 1918 shall apply, that is to say, an objection shall not be entertained unless, within the time limited for sending the notice of objection, a copy of the notice of objection sent to the registration officer is sent by the person objecting to the person in respect of whose registration the notice of objection is given. A copy of the notice may be sent by prepaid and registered post to the address of the person objected to as appearing on the lists or to his last known place of abode.

(5) A separate notice of objection shall be given in respect of each entry in the list to which objection is made and if a single notice is given in respect of objections to two or more entries none of the objections to which the said notice purports to relate shall be entertained.

(6) If the registration officer is of opinion that a claim or objection cannot succeed either—

- (a) because the particulars given do not support the claim or objection ; or
- (b) because the claim or objection is a repetition of a claim or objection made on some previous occasion and overruled ; or
- (c) because the matter is concluded against the claim or objection by some provision of the Act of 1944 as to evidence ; or

(d) because the claim or objection has not been made in the manner required by these regulations then, if he sees fit, he may, as soon as may be after receiving the claim or objection, send to the person making the claim or objection a notice stating—

(i) that he is of that opinion ; but

(ii) that it is open to that person, not later than the third day after the date of the said notice, to make to him representations in writing in support of the claim or objection,

and, where he sends a notice under this paragraph, shall take no further steps in relation to the claim or objection unless and until, from representations so made, he sees reason to revise his opinion.

(7) The registration officer shall keep separately a list of claims and a list of objections, and subject to the provisions of the last foregoing paragraph, shall, on receipt of a claim or objection, forthwith enter on the appropriate list the name and qualifying address of the person making the claim or objected to, together with the time and place at which he proposes to consider the claim or objection, and until the publication of the register, shall keep the lists of claims and objections (or a copy thereof) at all reasonable times available for inspection by the public at his office.

(8) On entering a claim or objection under the last foregoing paragraph, the registration officer shall send a notice, in the case of a claim, to the claimant and, in the case of an objection, to the person objected to and the person making the objection, stating the time and place at which he proposes to consider the claim or objection; and the notice sent to a person objected to shall also state the grounds of the objection.

9.—(1) The registration officer shall consider each claim and objection specified in the lists of claims and objections at the place so specified, and at the time so specified or so soon thereafter as is practicable, so that he completes the consideration of claims and objections within the time allowed by these regulations. Consideration of claims and objections.

(2) On the consideration of a claim, the claimant shall be entitled to appear and be heard in support of his claim, and any person whose name is entered in any electors list for the election and who objects to the claim, and any other person who appears to the registration officer to be interested, shall be entitled to appear and be heard.

(3) On the consideration of an objection, the person making the objection and the person with respect to whom it is made, and any other person who appears to the registration officer to be interested, shall be entitled to appear and be heard.

(4) Any person entitled by this regulation to appear may appear either in person or by any other person, other than counsel, on his behalf.

(5) The registration officer may, at the request of any person entitled to appear, or if he thinks fit without such a request, require that the evidence tendered by any person shall be given on oath, and may administer an oath for the purpose.

(6) If on consideration of any claim or objection it appears to the registration officer that the name of the claimant, or of the person with respect to whom the objection is made, ought to be entered not in the electors list or section of an electors list in which he claims to be, or is, entered, but in some other list or section, he may decide that the name shall be entered accordingly.

Preparation and Publication of the Register

10.—(1) The registration officer shall prepare the civilian residence and business premises registers in the following manner :—

- (a) he shall make such additions to and corrections of the electors lists as are required in order to carry out his decisions on any claims or objections ;
- (b) he shall also make any such corrections in those lists, whether by way of the removal of duplicate entries or otherwise, and such additions thereto, as he thinks necessary in order to secure that no person is registered for the election in respect of more than one qualification and that the lists will be complete and accurate as registers.

(2) The changes necessary to give effect to the foregoing paragraph shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations as to the numbering of the names in the register, be made as follows :—

- (a) the entries relating to persons whose names ought not to be included, or are entered in the wrong place or manner, in any of the lists shall be deleted so, however, that the numbers proper to such entries shall be retained, as provided in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of Regulation 3 ;
- (b) additions to, or corrections of entries in, any list shall be effected by the interpolation of entries in the appropriate position in the list and by the allocation thereto of sub-numbers as provided by sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (3) of Regulation 3 ;
- (c) where additions fall to be made at the end of a series they shall be allotted numbers continuing such series and, if they are too numerous to be conveniently added to the list, supplementary lists of such additional entries may be made out in such form as the registration officer may determine.

(3) The civilian residence and business premises electors lists as so corrected (including any relevant supplementary lists) shall respectively form the civilian residence and business premises registers for the election.

Preparation
of civilian
residence
and
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premises
registers.

11. The registration officer shall prepare a service register containing the names and qualifying addresses of all persons who appear from declarations of residence transmitted, and information furnished, to him in accordance with national registration regulations to be qualified to be registered therein. Preparation of service register.

12.—(1) The registration officer shall make all the necessary corrections of the electors lists and do everything necessary to form the register in time to allow the publication thereof on the day required by the Act of 1944. Publication of register.

(2) The registration officer shall publish the register by making a copy thereof available for inspection at his office, and by publishing (in manner hereinafter provided) a notice stating that it is so available and specifying the place in or near each registration unit at which copies of the sections of the register relating to that unit are or will be made available for inspection.

(3) It shall be the duty of the registration officer to arrange for copies of the sections relating to any registration unit being made as soon as practicable after the publication of the register, and being kept until the conclusion or abandonment of the election, available for inspection during business hours in that registration unit either—

- (a) in the chief post office (if the Postmaster General gives authority for the purpose); or
- (b) in some other convenient place to which the public have access; or if it is impracticable to arrange for use of the said post office and no other convenient place in the registration unit is available, in the nearest convenient place available outside the registration unit being a place to which the public have access.

Supplementary

13.—(1) The registration officer, before registering any person (otherwise than in the service register), may if he thinks it necessary— Declaration as to age and nationality.

- (a) require that person either to produce a certificate of birth or, if that is not practicable or convenient, to make a statutory declaration that he was of full age on the qualifying date; and
- (b) require that person to produce a certificate of naturalization or to make a statutory declaration that he was a British subject on the qualifying date.

(2) Where a declaration is so made, any fee payable in connection therewith shall be paid by the registration officer as part of his registration expenses, and the declaration shall be exempt from stamp duty.

(3) The registration officer shall during business hours allow any person to inspect and take a copy of any such declaration.

Reduced
fee for
certificates
of birth.

14.—(1) Where for the purpose of these regulations any person requires a certificate of birth the provisions of Rule 38 of the First Schedule to the Act of 1918 shall apply, that is to say, that person shall, on presenting a written requisition and on payment of a fee of sixpence, be entitled to obtain a certified copy of any entry of the birth of that person in the register of births under the hand of the registrar or superintendent registrar having the custody thereof.

(2) Any such requisition shall be in the form prescribed for the purposes of the said Rule, and the said form shall on application be supplied without charge by every registrar of births and deaths and by every superintendent registrar.

Corrupt and
illegal
practices
list.

15.—(1) Any corrupt and illegal practices list made out for an election under section thirty-nine of the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, as amended by the Act of 1944 shall be published in the first instance at the same time and in the same manner as the business premises electors list for that election.

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(2) Any claims and objections to the corrupt and illegal practices list shall be made within the time allowed by these regulations for claims and objections to the said electors list.

Application
of
Regulation
18 of the
Electoral
Registration
Regulations,
1944.

16. In relation to the execution of any of the duties imposed by or under the Act of 1944 upon registration officers or other persons employed for the purposes of the Act, regulation 18 of the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944, shall apply.

PART II.

VOTING BY POST OR PROXY

Absent Voters and Service Postal Lists

17.—(1) Any person—

- (a) who is entered in the civilian residence electors list or the business premises electors list for an election ; or
- (b) who makes a claim in accordance with these regulations to be entered in either of these electors lists,

may within the time allowed by these regulations make an application to the registration officer to be entered in the absent voters list for the election, and the registration officer, if satisfied that the applicant, by reason of the nature of his occupation, service or employment, may be debarred from voting at the election, shall enter the name and qualifying address of the applicant on a provisional absent voters list to be prepared by the registration officer.

(2) The provisional absent voters list shall be made out in two parts, corresponding respectively to the civilian residence and business premises registers and each part shall be in the form to be adopted, in pursuance of regulations one and two of these regulations, for the corresponding register for the constituency.

Absent
voters
list.

(3) The registration officer shall, within the time allowed by these regulations—

- (a) remove from the provisional absent voters list the name of any person who does not appear in the civilian residence register or in the business premises register for the election on the publication thereof ; and
- (b) number the remaining names in that list consecutively beginning with the number one ; and
- (c) mark in that list with the letter " P " the name of any elector entitled to vote by proxy,

and the list so prepared, with the additions hereinafter mentioned as respects persons voting by post as proxies for service voters, shall be the absent voters list for the election.

18.—(1) Any member of the forces who has as such a qualifying address in the constituency may, within the time allowed by these regulations, make an application to the registration officer to vote by post at an election, and the registration officer shall enter the name and qualifying address of the applicant on a provisional service postal list to be prepared by the registration officer in such form as he may determine.

Service
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list.

(2) The registration officer shall, within the time allowed by these regulations—

- (a) remove from the provisional service postal list the name of any person who does not appear as a member of the forces in the service register for the election on the publication thereof ; and
- (b) number the remaining names in that list consecutively beginning with the number one,

and the list so prepared shall be the service postal list for the election.

19.—The registration officer shall enter on the absent voters list and the service postal list the addresses (if any) furnished to him by the persons entered therein as the addresses to which ballot papers are to be sent for the purpose of enabling them to vote by post.

Record
of ad-
dresses.

Appointments of Proxies

20.—(1) As soon as may be after these regulations come into force the registration officer shall send or deliver a proxy paper, in the form prescribed in the Third Schedule hereto, to each person who has been appointed as proxy under the Act of 1943 and the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944, by a person whose name is entered in the service register, and in like manner on any appointments of proxies for the purposes of the Act of 1943 and the said regulations being, from time to time, made or cancelled by persons who have been or may become registered in the service register he shall thereupon send or deliver to each such proxy a proxy paper or a notification of the cancellation of appointment as proxy as the case may require.

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(2) All appointments of proxies by service voters and all proxy papers issued by the registration officer in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation shall remain effective for the purposes of these regulations until cancelled under and for the purposes of the Act of 1943 and the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944.

(3) Where a service voter's application for the issue of a proxy paper, or a notice cancelling a proxy paper issued on a service voter's application for the purposes of the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944, is received by the registration officer after the initiation in the constituency of an election to which these regulations apply, the registration officer shall not take any steps in relation thereto under paragraph (1) of this regulation until after the conclusion or abandonment of the election.

21.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the registration officer, on receiving, after the initiation of an election and within the time prescribed in this regard in the Second Schedule hereto, from a person, other than a service voter, a proxy application in the form prescribed in the Third Schedule hereto, shall deal with the said application as follows, that is to say :—

- (a) he shall forthwith send to the person nominated in the application as first choice, unless he is satisfied that that person is not willing to be appointed or cannot lawfully be appointed by virtue of the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1944, a notice intimating that—
 - (i) it is proposed to appoint him as proxy for the voter ; and
 - (ii) if no notice is received from him within five days intimating that he is not willing to be appointed or cannot lawfully be appointed by virtue of the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1944, his appointment will be accepted.
- (b) If at the expiration of the said five days no notice has been received intimating that the person nominated as first choice is not willing to be appointed or cannot lawfully be appointed by virtue of the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1944 the registration officer shall forthwith send or deliver a proxy paper to the person so nominated :

Provided that the registration officer shall not issue a proxy paper on the application of any person unless and until he is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to appoint a proxy.

- (c) If the registration officer is satisfied, or within the said five days notice is received by the registration officer informing him, that the person nominated as first choice is not willing to be appointed or cannot lawfully be appointed by virtue of the provisions of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1944, the registration officer shall, if another person is nominated as second choice, deal in like manner with the person so nominated.

22.—(1) The registration officer shall keep a list of proxies in two parts, relating respectively to proxies appointed on a service voter's application and to proxies appointed on an absent voter's application, and on issuing a proxy paper shall enter in the appropriate part of the said list the name and address of the person appointed as proxy and the name and qualifying address of the voter, and shall mark in the list with a distinctive mark the name of any proxy stated in the voter's application to be the voter's husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother or sister.

(2) Where a member of the forces who has appointed a proxy applies in accordance with these regulations to vote by post at an election the registration officer shall, as soon as may be, inform the proxy of that fact and that his appointment will not have effect as respects the election then pending, and shall indicate the fact on the list of proxies by placing the letter " A ", together with the date of the initiation of the election, against the name of the voter.

23.—(1) Any person who—

- (a) makes an application to be entered in the absent voters list for an election in any constituency, and does not at the same time make an application for the issue of a proxy paper ; and
- (b) has been appointed proxy by a service voter having a qualifying address in that constituency ;

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service
voter.

may, at the same time as he makes that application, make an application also to vote by post at that election on behalf of the service voter.

(2) Any application under this regulation shall be disregarded if the service voter is a member of the forces and himself makes an application, in accordance with these regulations, to vote by post at the election, or if—

- (a) the applicant is not entered in the absent voters list for the election ; or
- (b) the service voter is not registered in the service register for the election, or is not entered in the list of proxies as having appointed a proxy ; or
- (c) the registration officer is not satisfied, from the application, of the applicant's identity with the person entered in the list of proxies as the proxy appointed by the service voter.

(3) Subject to the last foregoing paragraph, where the registration officer receives an application under this regulation, he shall place—

- (a) against the applicant's name in the absent voters list for the election an additional number, made up of his original number in that list and of a letter (which shall, in the case of an applicant making more than one application for the same election, be different for each application) ; and

- (b) against the name of the service voter in the list of proxies, the additional number placed against the proxy's name in the absent voters list as proxy for that voter, together with the date of the initiation of the election.

Voting

24. Part III of and the Fourth Schedule to the Representation of the People Order shall apply in all respects to voting by post under the Act of 1944, whether by absent voters in their own right or as proxies or by service postal voters, as they apply to voting by post by absent voters under the Act of 1918, and references therein to absent voters or the absent voters list shall be construed accordingly :

Provided that—

- (a) with the number of the elector marked on the counterfoil of the ballot paper issued to him there shall, in the case of a person voting in his own right, be included a distinctive mark to indicate whether he is entered in the absent voters list or the service postal list ;
- (b) at the end of the instructions to the voter set out in Form No. 1 in the said Fourth Schedule there shall be added as part of paragraph 6 (which sets out the number of votes an elector may give at a general election) the following sentence :—

“ A voter may also vote on behalf of any person by whom the voter has been duly appointed proxy, subject to the limitation that a voter may not vote in any one constituency as proxy for more than two persons of whom the voter is neither the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother or sister ” ;

- (c) the said Part III and the said Fourth Schedule shall, in relation to persons voting by post as proxies for service voters, have effect subject to the modifications for which provision is made by the First Schedule to these regulations.

Questions which may be asked of proxies voting in person.

25.—(1) The questions which may be asked of a person claiming to vote in person at an election as proxy for an elector shall be—

- (a) the first question set out in section eighty-eight of the Representation of the People (Ireland) Act, 1850, modified so as to run as follows :—

“ Are you the same person whose name appears as AB on [this proxy paper] [*or where the proxy is permitted to vote without producing the proxy paper*] on the list of proxies for this election] as entitled to vote as proxy on behalf of CD ? ”

- (b) the questions in Part II of the Second Schedule to the Act of 1918, modified so as to run as follows :—

- (i) in the case of a person voting as a proxy on behalf of a person registered in the civilian residence or service register :—

“ Have you already voted at this general election on behalf of CD in respect of a residence qualification ? ”

- (ii) in the case of a person voting as proxy on behalf of a person registered in the business premises register :—

“ Have you already voted at this general election on behalf of CD in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification ? ”

(2) The oath to be administered to a person claiming to vote as proxy in relation to the said questions shall be as follows :—

“ I swear by Almighty God [*or* I do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm] that I am the same person, whose name appears on [this proxy paper] [*or as the case may be*] the list of proxies for this election] as AB appointed to vote as proxy on behalf of CD ”.

PART III.

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL.

26.—(1) Where, after the initiation in any month of a by-election in any constituency, either—

- (a) a general election ; or
(b) in the case of a constituency returning more than one member, a subsequent by-election in the constituency,

is initiated in the same month, then—

- (i) anything done under or for the purposes of these regulations in relation to the first election shall have effect also in relation to the subsequent election ;
(ii) for the purpose of determining the time for doing anything under or for the purposes of these regulations, the initiation of the first election and the conclusion or abandonment of the subsequent election shall respectively be taken to be also the initiation of the subsequent election and the conclusion or abandonment of the first election.

(2) Nothing in this regulation shall be taken as affecting the day on which the register for the subsequent election is to come into force under the Act of 1944.

27.—(1) Subject to the provisions of the last foregoing regulation and to any modifications for which provision may be made, in relation to particular constituencies, by an order of the Minister of Home Affairs under section four of the Act of 1944, the time allowed by these regulations for any matter shall be—

- (a) in the case of any matter mentioned in the second column of Part I of the Second Schedule to these regulations, the time mentioned in relation to that matter in the first column of that Part of that Schedule ;

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(b) in the case of any other matter, the time mentioned in relation to that matter in the body of these regulations.

(2) Where the last day of the time allowed by these regulations for any matter, other than the consideration of claims and objections, falls on a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday, that time shall be extended until the end of the next following day which is not a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday.

(3) In this regulation the expression "bank holiday" means, in relation to any constituency, a day which is a bank holiday under the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, as amended or extended by any subsequent enactment (including Defence Regulations) in Northern Ireland.

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Forms.

28.—(1) The forms set out or described in the Third Schedule to these regulations, or forms to the like effect, shall be used for the purposes respectively mentioned in relation thereto in that Schedule, and are the forms prescribed for those purposes.

(2) The registration officer shall, without fee, on the application of any person supply any of the forms prescribed by Part II of the said Third Schedule.

Contents
and validity
of applica-
tions, etc.

29.—(1) No application, claim, declaration or notice for which a form is prescribed by these regulations shall be of any effect unless it gives, with reasonable clearness, the particulars and other information required by that form.

(2) No such application, claim, declaration or notice shall be invalid by reason only of the fact that it gives any such particulars or information in a manner other than that indicated by the form.

Mode of
making
applica-
tions,
sending
notices, etc.

30.—(1) Any application to be made to the registration officer under the Act of 1944, or these regulations shall, where no form is prescribed, be made in writing signed by the applicant and sent to the registration officer.

(2) Any application, claim or notice which is required by the Act of 1944 or these regulations to be made or sent to the registration officer may be sent to him by post addressed to him either at the address notified by him for the purpose or at his office, unless some other method is required by national registration regulations.

(3) Any notice which is required by the Act of 1944 or these regulations to be sent by the registration officer to any person may be sent by post to the address of that person as given by him for the purpose, or as appearing on the list to which the notice relates, or, if there is no such address, to his last known place of abode, unless some other method is required by these regulations.

Publication
of
documents.

31.—(1) Where the registration officer is required by these regulations to publish any document, (and no specific provision is made as to the mode of publication), he shall publish the document by making

copies of the document available for inspection by the public in his office.

(2) Where the document relates to a registration unit he shall also publish it by making copies thereof available for inspection by the public at the place at which the sections of the register relating to that registration unit have been or are to be made available under these regulations.

(3) The registration officer may also if he thinks fit publish any document in any other manner which is in his opinion desirable for the purpose of bringing the contents of the document to the notice of persons interested.

(4) The documents set out in the first column of Part II of the Second Schedule to these regulations shall be kept published for the times respectively set out in the second column of that Part of that Schedule.

(5) Any failure to publish a document in accordance with these regulations shall not invalidate the document, but this provision shall not relieve the registration officer from any penalty for such a failure.

(6) If any person without lawful authority destroys, mutilates, defaces or removes any notice published by the registration officer in connection with his registration duties, or any document which has been made available for inspection by the public in accordance with these regulations, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

32.—(1) The registration officer shall, if requested by a candidate at an election, or his election agent, supply, for the use of the candidate in connection with the election, copies of the register, or of any part thereof, of which two copies of the whole register shall be supplied without fee and any further copies of the whole of the register or of any part thereof shall be supplied on payment of a fee of 1s. with the addition of 1d. for every 125 (or part of 125) names after the first 125 :

Candidates
copies of
electors
lists, etc.

Provided that in the assessment of the fee payable the initial fee of 1s. shall apply to the first 125 names in each complete or partial register supplied and not to the first 125 names in each part of each register supplied.

(2) If a candidate, or his election agent, requests the registration officer to supply, as provided in the foregoing paragraph, copies of the register or parts thereof in excess of two the request therefor shall be made to the registration officer not later than the day prescribed in Part I of the First Schedule hereto as the last day for the determination of claims and objections and if such request is not received by the registration officer on or before that day he shall supply to a candidate or his election agent only such number of copies as may be available after allowing for the number required apart from this regulation and the possibility of further requests under this regulation and without making additional copies for the purpose.

(3) It shall be sufficient fulfilment of the obligation of the registration officer to supply copies under this regulation if he supplies such copies to a candidate or his election agent not later than the day before the day fixed for nomination at the election.

(4) In relation to any time before nomination at an election the expression "candidate" in this regulation means any person who appears to the registration officer to be genuinely seeking nomination thereat.

33. The registration officer—

- (a) shall allow any person to inspect and take extracts from any document required by these regulations to be published or kept for inspection by the registration officer or any claim or notice of objection made under these regulations ;
- (b) may, after the conclusion or abandonment of an election, and provided such copies are available, supply to any person copies of the register or any part thereof on payment of a fee of one shilling with the addition of one penny for every 125 (or part of 125) names after the first 125, but he shall not, after an election, make, or cause to be made, any additional copies for this purpose ;
- (c) shall, after the conclusion or abandonment of an election, send to the Ministry of Home Affairs one copy of the register together with one copy of each of the electors and other lists prepared under these regulations in connection with the compilation of such register ;
- (d) shall, after the conclusion or abandonment of an election, dispose of all copies (other than copies required by himself or the Overseers for official purposes) of the electors lists and other lists prepared for the purposes of these regulations in connection with the election in such manner as to ensure that the material is destroyed or repulped and is not released to unauthorised persons.

34.—(1) No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place on any list or on the register or in any notice shall prejudice the operation of the Act of 1944, or these regulations as respects that person or place provided that the person or place is so designated as to be commonly understood.

(2) The registration officer may, in any case where he thinks it expedient so to do for the purpose of preventing confusion, enter against the name of any person on any list or on the register or in any notice his national registration number.

35.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,—

Inspection of documents and sale and disposal of obsolete register, etc.

Misnomer, etc.

Interpretation.

“ the Act of 1918 ” means the Representation of the People Act 7 & 8 Geo. 5. 1918, as amended by any subsequent enactment or Order in Council ;^{c. 64.}

“ the Act of 1943 ” means the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, 1943, as amended by the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, 1944 ;^{c. 48.}

“ the Act of 1944 ” means the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act (Northern Ireland), 1944 ;^{8 & 9 Geo. 6. c. 23.}

“ national registration regulations ” means national registration regulations, as defined by the Act of 1943, made by virtue of that Act ;

“ 1939 register ” means the register of parliamentary electors which came into force in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine ;

“ qualifying address ”, in relation to any person, means according to the context either—

- (a) the address of the place in the constituency at which that person is registered in the National Register as residing on the qualifying date ; or
- (b) the address of the premises in respect of which that person is, or claims to be, qualified to be included in the business premises register for the constituency ; or
- (c) the address given in that person's declaration of residence ;

“ service voter ” includes a war worker ;

“ war worker ” means a person who is for the time being registered in the National Register as a person engaged in war work abroad.

(2) References in these regulations to an election shall be construed as referring only to an election for which the register is a register prepared under the Act of 1944.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.^{52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.}

36.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Electoral Registration (No. 1) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945.^{Citation and commencement}

(2) These regulations shall come into force as from the date hereof.

(Signed) *Edmond Warnock*,
Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont.

Dated this 12th day of February, 1945.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

MODIFICATIONS, IN RELATION TO PROXIES FOR SERVICE VOTERS, OF RULES FOR VOTING BY POST.

1. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the procedure to be followed in relation to an absent voter entitled to vote by post as proxy for a service voter shall be the same as if there were a separate entry of the absent voter's name in the absent voters list in respect of each number placed against it in that list and as if each such entry related to a different person entitled to vote as an absent voter in his own right.

2.—(1) Where it appears to the returning officer from a comparison of the absent voters list with the list of proxies that an absent voter has applied to vote by post as proxy on behalf of more than two other persons of whom the absent voter is neither the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother or sister, the returning officer shall not issue ballot papers to the absent voter as proxy for more than two of those other persons.

(2) Where, under this paragraph, a returning officer determines not to issue a ballot paper to an absent voter as proxy for a service voter, he shall cause any copies of the register which are to be used at the poll to be amended by deleting the letter "A" against the name of that service voter.

3. All the ballot papers issued to any one absent voter shall be sent to him in the same envelope and there shall be included therewith only one form of declaration of identity, covering envelope and ballot paper envelope.

4. The numbers of all the said ballot papers shall be marked on the form of declaration of identity and on the ballot paper envelope, and any reference in the Representation of the People Order to the number on that declaration and the number on that envelope agreeing with one another, or with the number of the ballot paper, shall (subject to the next following paragraph) be construed accordingly.

5. Where, on the opening of the absent voters ballot boxes, the returning officer finds that the numbers on a declaration of identity agree with the numbers on some but not all of the relevant ballot papers he shall—

- (a) make out a copy of the declaration and deal with the copy as if it were an original declaration relating only to the votes not rejected, except that he shall endorse thereon the words "votes rejected except as to ballot papers Nos. "; and
- (b) endorse the original declaration with the same words and thereafter deal with it as if it related only to the votes rejected.

SECOND SCHEDULE

PART I.

TIMETABLE FOR PREPARATION OF REGISTER, ETC.

On or before twentieth day	...	Publication of civilian residence electors list.
		Publication of business premises electors list.
		Publication of notice as to mode of making claims and objections.
On or before twenty-fourth day	...	Making of applications by members of forces to vote by post.

On or before twenty-seventh day	...	Making of claims and objections to civilian residence electors list.
		Making of claims and objections to the business premises electors list.
		Making of applications to be entered in absent voters list.
On or before forty-first day	...	Consideration of claims and objections.
On or before forty-seventh day	...	Preparation of absent voters list and service postal list.

Note. Under s. 1 of the Act of 1944 the register for an election is to be published (except in certain constituencies) on the forty-third day after initiation; under s. 2 of that Act nomination day need in no case be earlier than the fifty-first day after the initiation.

PART II.

PERIODS DURING WHICH DOCUMENTS MUST BE KEPT PUBLISHED.

<i>Document.</i>	<i>Period of publication.</i>
Electors lists, and corrupt and illegal practices list as first published.	Until publication of register.
Notice as to mode of making claims and objections.	Until the end of the last day for making claims and objections.
Register.	Until conclusion or abandonment of election.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

FORMS.

PART I.

FORMS FOR USE BY REGISTRATION OFFICERS.

FORM A : NOTICE AS TO MAKING CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS, (NORTHERN IRELAND):

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

NOTICE AS TO THE MAKING OF CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.

CIVILIAN RESIDENCE AND BUSINESS PREMISES ELECTORS LISTS.

Constituency of.....

Registration Units {

.....

.....

I hereby give notice that claims and objections in respect of the Civilian Residence electors lists and the Business Premises electors lists for the constituency mentioned above must be received by me in the prescribed form at the address below on or before.....

- (1) The forms for use for these purposes are prescribed in Part II of the Third Schedule of the Electoral Registration (No. 1) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1945, S.R. & O.
- (2) Printed copies of the forms may be obtained from me without charge on application. Typed or manuscript forms of substantially the same nature may be used, if desired, but the details for which provision is made in the printed forms must always be given.
- (3) If a notice is sent by post, postage must be prepaid.

Signed.....
Electoral Registration Officer.

Address

Date.....

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

FORM B : PROXY PAPER (CIVILIAN).

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS, (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Proxy Paper : * Civilian Residence Register
* Business Premises

Constituency

Polling District

Name

Address

is hereby appointed as proxy for

Name of elector
who is qualified to be registered as a parliamentary elector in respect of

Qualifying Address
to vote for such elector at the parliamentary election initiated on

* Delete where inapplicable.

Signature of Electoral Registration Officer

Date.....

Note 1. The person appointed as proxy should carefully preserve this paper which should if possible be produced to the Presiding Officer at the polling booth.

2. As a proxy you must vote in person at the polling station for the qualifying address of the person who has nominated you as proxy.

FORM C : PROXY PAPER (SERVICE).

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS, (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

PROXY PAPER : SERVICE REGISTER.

Constituency

Polling District

(Name)

(Address)

is hereby appointed as proxy for

(Name of Elector)
who is qualified to be registered as a parliamentary elector in respect of

(Qualifying Address)
to vote for such elector at all parliamentary elections for the above constituency whilst this proxy paper remains in force.

(Signature of Electoral Registration Officer)

Date.....

Note 1. The person appointed as proxy should carefully preserve this paper which should if possible be produced to the Presiding Officer at the polling booth.

2. As a proxy you must vote in person at the Polling Station for the qualifying address of the person who has nominated you as proxy, *unless* for any election you make an application to be entered on the Absent Voters List in respect of your own vote in that constituency. If you make such an application you may at the same time claim to vote by post in respect of your vote as proxy.

3. Your appointment as proxy will continue indefinitely and be valid for any election for which a register is prepared under the wartime procedure, unless it is cancelled by the voter, or he applies to vote by post at the election ; in either of these events you will be notified.

4. Section 9 of the Parliamentary Elections (War-Time Registration) Act (Northern Ireland), 1944, provides that the Proxy appointed by a Service elector for United Kingdom (Westminster) Elections may also vote for him at Northern Ireland (Stormont) elections.

You have received a separate Proxy Paper for United Kingdom elections. This Proxy form is your authority to vote as a Proxy at Northern Ireland elections.

PART II.

FORMS FOR USE BY OTHER PERSONS.

FORM AX. CIVILIAN RESIDENCE CLAIM.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Claim to be registered in the Civilian Residence Register.

To the Registration Officer for the Constituency of.....

<p>1. Claimant's names in full (stating in the case of a woman " Mrs.," " Miss " or other description or title).....</p>	<p>Surname</p> <p>Other Names</p> <p>Nat. Reg. No.</p>
<p>2. Full postal address of premises for which claimant claims to be qualified to be registered (Townland in which premises are situated to be stated except in Co. Boro., Boro. or Urban District)</p>	
<p>3. If claimant is a married woman, is her husband a British subject ?</p>	<p>(Yes or No.)</p>
<p>4. Was claimant registered in the National Register as being resident at the said address on the * ?</p> <p>* Insert qualifying date.</p>	<p>(Yes or No.)</p>
<p>5. Was the claimant born at some place in Northern Ireland ?</p> <p>(a) If so where ?</p> <p>(b) If not born in N.I. since when has the claimant been continuously resident in the United Kingdom ? *</p> <p>* Interruption of continuous residence in the United Kingdom solely by reason of service in the forces or merchant navy or as a war worker abroad may be disregarded</p>	<p>(Yes or No.)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p>

DECLARATION.

The above particulars are true and correct in all respects. The claimant is a British subject and has attained the age of 21 years on the qualifying date; and he/she claims the Parliamentary franchise to which such particulars entitle him/her.

Signature of claimant or person signing on behalf of claimant

Address of person signing (if not the claimant)

Dated

FORM BX. BUSINESS PREMISES CLAIM.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

CLAIM TO BE REGISTERED IN BUSINESS PREMISES REGISTER.

To the Registration Officer for the constituency of

<p>1. Name of claimant</p> <p>(a) surname (in block capitals)</p> <p>(b) Christian names (in full)</p> <p>(c) National Registration Number</p> <p>State whether the claim is made as " occupier ", or as husband or wife of occupier.</p>	<p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p>
<p>2. Christian names in full of claimant's husband or wife (if this claim is made also on his or her behalf or if he or she was the occupier), and his or her National Registration Number.</p>	
<p>3. Particulars of premises occupied on qualifying date (see note 3)</p> <p>(a) full postal address</p> <p>(b) business, trade or profession, then carried on there by applicant, or by applicant's husband or wife, as occupier.</p> <p>(c) yearly value if separately rated (The yearly value is the full rateable value (i.e. without deduction of derating, if any). If not separately rated, say so, and fill in paragraph 4 below).</p> <p>(d) were the premises occupied jointly with other persons? If so state—</p> <p>(i) the number of joint occupiers . . .</p> <p>(ii) whether they were partners carrying on their business, trade or profession there, and, if not partners, their names and National Registration Numbers, (if ascertainable).</p>	<p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(d)</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(ii)</p>
<p>4. Particulars of yearly value of premises not separately rated ; (State shortly nature and extent of premises).</p>	

<p>5. Is the claimant or the claimant's husband or wife already registered in the business premises register or has any other claim been made at this election for the registration in the business premises register—</p> <p>(a) of the present claimant ; or</p> <p>(b) of the present claimant's husband or wife (if the present claim is made also on his or her behalf) ?</p> <p>If so, give the address or addresses of the other premises.</p>	<p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p>
<p>6. If—</p> <p>(a) the claimant ; or</p> <p>(b) the claimant's husband or wife (if this application is made on his or her behalf) held a civilian identity card with an address in the constituency on the qualifying date, or had on that date made a service declaration or a war worker's declaration at an address in the constituency, state the address. (See note 4).</p>	<p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p>

DECLARATION.

I declare that the above particulars are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct in all respects, that on the qualifying date I was a British subject and had attained the age of twenty-one years * (and that on that date the person named as such above was my wife/husband and had also attained that age).

I claim on behalf of myself † (and my wife/husband) to be registered in the business premises register for the election now pending.

Signature.....

Date.....

* Strike out, if the claimant applies as occupier and a claim is not made also on behalf of his wife or her husband.

† Strike out if inapplicable.

NOTES.

1. You are required to fill up the whole of this form so far as applicable to your case. The form must be completed and returned to the Electoral Registration Officer within the time allowed for the receipt of claims.

2. Any person making a claim to be registered in the Business Premises Register, knowing that the claim contains a false statement, is liable to heavy penalties.

3. The qualifying date for an election is the last day of the month next but one before that in which the election is initiated. The qualifying date and the date of initiation are given in a notice published in the constituency by the Electoral Registration Officer.

4. A person is not entitled to be registered as an elector twice in the same constituency at the same election.

FORM CX : ABSENT VOTER'S APPLICATION.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Claim to be placed on Absent Voters List.

To the Registration Officer for the Constituency of.....

Address

I, (names in full and National Registration Number).....
being a person * [entered] [claiming to be entered] on the [Civilian Residence Register]
[the Business Premises Register] for the above constituency in respect of [a residence
qualification] [qualifying premises] at (give postal address stating registration unit
where possible)

hereby claim to be placed upon the absent voters list on the ground that there is a
probability that owing to my occupation (Service) (employment) as.....

I may be debarred from voting at a poll at the pending parliamentary election for the
above constituency.

[* An application for the issue of a proxy paper (see note 3) accompanies this form.]

[* I am not applying to vote by proxy and in the event of this claim being allowed,
I also claim to vote by post in respect of my vote as proxy for the following service
voters :

Name

Qualifying address

Name

Qualifying address

Date..... Signed.....

Address to which ballot paper is to be sent {
(if different from address stated above) {

• Delete where not required.

Note 1. The names and addresses of additional service voters may be attached to
this form.

2. A person cannot claim both to vote by proxy himself and to vote by post
as proxy for a service voter. The claim to vote by post in respect of a
vote as proxy can only be allowed in cases where the qualifying address of
the person who has appointed the proxy is in the constituency in which
the proxy is claiming to vote as an Absent Voter.

3. If there is a probability that at the time of an election you will be at sea
or out of the United Kingdom you may make an application to appoint a
proxy to vote for you at that election. For this purpose a Proxy ap-
plication form should be completed and should accompany this form.

If this form is sent to the Electoral Registration Officer by post, postage must be prepaid.

Electoral Registration.

FORM DX : PROXY APPLICATION (CIVILIAN).

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Proxy Application Form (Civilian).

(This form which is for use by persons applying to be entered on the Absent Voters List, must accompany the elector's application to be entered on that list.)

See instructions on other side.

To the Registration Officer—

The Elector must insert here his surname and other names in full and his National Registration Number.

I hereby state that there is a probability that I shall, at the time of the Parliamentary election now pending, be at sea or out of the United Kingdom, and that I desire to appoint as proxy to vote for me at that election the person nominated below as First Choice or (if he or she is not qualified or is unwilling to act) the person nominated below as Second Choice.

Person to be appointed Proxy (see footnote).

1. The Elector must fill this up.

Names of First Choice
Postal Address of First Choice
Relationship, if any of First Choice to Elector

2. The Elector should fill this up, as the First Choice may be unwilling or not qualified to act.

Names of Second Choice
Postal Address of Second Choice
Relationship, if any, of Second Choice to Elector

I apply for the issue of a proxy paper appointing as my proxy the person, or one of the persons, nominated above.

The Form must be properly signed, witnessed and dated.

Signature of Elector

State nature of occupation, e.g. commercial traveller.

Occupation of Elector

The Witness must be a person to whom the Elector is known

Witnessed by

If Witness is in the Forces, state number (if any), ship, unit and corps, rank, rating etc.

Service or occupation of Witness

This need not be given if Witness is in the Forces and Service particulars are given.

Postal Address of Witness

Date

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Instructions to Persons desiring to appoint proxies to vote at Parliamentary Elections.

1. ABSENT VOTERS.—Elector's whose occupation, etc., may prevent them attending the polling place to vote at a particular election may have their names placed on the absent voters list on making claims for the purpose.

A ballot paper will be sent to an absent voter in the United Kingdom who has not appointed a proxy, so that he may vote by post, but ballot papers cannot be sent to addresses outside the United Kingdom.

2. WHO MAY APPOINT A PROXY.—If you are applying to be entered for a particular election on the absent voters list and there is a probability that you will, at the time of election, be at sea or out of the United Kingdom, you can make an application to the Registration Officer in the form on the other side for the appointment of a proxy to vote for you at the Parliamentary election. This application must accompany your absent voter's application.

3. POWERS OF A PROXY.—A person appointed as proxy will be able to vote on your behalf at the Parliamentary election pending. You will not be able to vote yourself at that Parliamentary election. The proxy should produce at the polling place the proxy paper issued by the Registration Officer entitling him to vote for you.

Neither the Registration Officer nor the election officials can be responsible for the way in which your proxy votes: It is for you to give your proxy any instructions you think necessary as to the way in which he is to vote on your behalf.

4. WHO MAY BE APPOINTED PROXY.—A person to be proxy must be a British subject of full age and not subject to any legal incapacity. If the person appointed proxy is not the wife, husband, parent, grandparent, brother or sister of the elector, the person cannot vote as proxy for more than two electors at an election in any constituency.

5. HOW TO APPOINT A PROXY.—In the application the elector must insert his own name and the name of the person whom he desires to nominate as proxy. It is desirable that the name of a second person should be inserted, as the first may not be qualified or willing to act. The elector must sign the application in the presence of a witness to whom he is known, and the witness must also sign the form and state his address.

A proxy paper issued in accordance with the application will be sent by the Registration Officer direct to the person appointed as proxy, so that it may be available for use without delay.

6. DURATION OF APPOINTMENT.—A proxy paper will only remain in force for the parliamentary election pending at the time of its issue.

FORM EX : CLAIM FOR CORRECTION OF ENTRY IN ELECTORS LISTS.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS, (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

To the Registration Officer for the Constituency of.....

Address

I hereby claim that the following entry of my name in the lists prepared by you

* Here insert extract from printed electors lists, stating registration unit.

..... should be altered as follows :—

† e.g., altering the mark placed against the name, correcting the particulars entered, etc.

.....
.....
.....

Signed.....

Address

Date.....

If this Form is sent to the Registration Officer by post, postage must be prepaid.

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FORM FX : OBJECTION TO NAME IN LIST OF PARLIAMENTARY ELECTORS.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND).

Parliament of Northern Ireland.

To the Registration Officer for the Constituency of

Address

I hereby give you notice that I object to the entry of *

* Here insert extract from printed electors lists, stating registration unit.

as a Parliamentary elector for the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

The grounds of my objection are

I am entered in the electors lists as a Parliamentary elector for the above constituency as follows :—*

* Here insert extract from printed electors lists, stating registration unit.

Signed

Address

Date

Note 1. An objection must specify clearly the grounds on which it is made.

Note 2. An objection can only be made by a person who is himself on one of the electors lists for the Constituency.

Note 3. An objector is required by Regulations to send to the person objected to a copy of this notice. The copy may be sent by pre-paid and registered post to the address of the person objected to as appearing on the lists, or to his last known place of abode. If this is not done the objection cannot be considered.

Form M.

Service Postal Voters' Application.

The form to be used for this purpose for elections to the Parliament of Northern Ireland is the form prescribed in Part II of the Third Schedule to the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944, as that to be used for elections to the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

THE ELECTORAL REGISTRATION (NO 2) REGULATIONS, 1945, DATED 29TH MARCH, 1945, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1918 TO 1945 WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

If this Form is sent to the Registration Officer by post, postage must be prepaid.

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PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral Registration (No. 2) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1945, and the Electoral Registration (No. 1) Regulations, (Northern Ireland), 1945, and these Regulations may be cited together as the Electoral Registration Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945. Short Title Citation, Interpretation and commencement.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) These Regulations shall come into force on the 30th day of March, 1945.

2. In these Regulations and in the Electoral Registration (No. 1) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have, and in the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall be deemed always to have had, the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :— Definitions.

“ the Act of 1943 ” means the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, 1943, as amended by the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, 1944, and by the Representation of the People Act, 1945 ;

“ the 1944 Regulations ” means the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944 ;

“ the Act of 1944 ” means the Parliamentary Electors (War-Time Registration) Act, (Northern Ireland), 1944, as amended by the Act of 1945 ;

“ the Act of 1945 ” means the Representation of the People Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 ;

“ the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations ” means the Electoral Registration (No. 1) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1945 ;

“ War Worker ” means a person who either—

(a) is registered in the National Register as a person engaged in war work abroad ; or

(b) not being so registered, is certified in accordance with sub-section (2) of Section Three of the Representation of the People Act, 1945, to have been a member of the Forces, but to have ceased to be such a member at a time when he was outside the United Kingdom, and to be engaged in work of national importance outside the United Kingdom in connection with any war in which His Majesty may be engaged ;

“ War Worker’s Declaration ” means—

(a) in relation to a war worker registered in the National Register, the declaration of residence by virtue of which he is, for the time being, so registered ;

(b) in relation to a war worker not so registered, means the declaration of residence for which provision is made in Part II of the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1945 ;

“ the May 1945 (United Kingdom) Register ” and “ the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) Register ” mean respectively the register of parliamentary electors to be published on 7th May, 1945, under the Representation of the People Act, 1945, and the said register as applied and adapted for the purposes of elections to the Parliament of Northern Ireland under the Representation of the People Act (Northern Ireland), 1945 ;

and the expressions “ declaration of residence ”, “ National Registration Regulations ”, “ qualifying address ” and “ Service voter ” have, and shall be deemed always to have had, respectively the meanings assigned to them by Regulation Thirty-nine of the 1944 Regulations.

Operation of
the 1945
(No. 1)
Regulations.

3. The 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall, subject to the provisions of these regulations, continue to have effect for the purposes of elections initiated after the first day of April, 1945.

PART II.

Modifications of registration procedure applicable to the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) Register

Time. 4. For the purpose of the preparation of the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register—

(a) the time-table set out in Part I of the Second Schedule to the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall not apply, and the dates

appropriate to the matters mentioned therein shall be those specified in Part I of the First Schedule to these regulations ;

- (b) the periods during which documents must be kept published shall be those specified in Part II of the said First Schedule.

5. Regulations three and ten of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall have effect subject to the following modifications :—

- (a) the names in the civilian residence and business premises electors lists shall not be numbered ;
- (b) the names in the civilian residence and business premises register shall, where practicable, be numbered, as provided by the said regulation three, after all additions, deletions, and corrections required to form the electors lists into the register have been made by the registration officer, and the lists, when so numbered and printed, shall form the register ;
- (c) in cases in which it is impracticable to defer numbering the names and printing the lists until all additions, deletions and corrections have been made, the names in the electors lists shall be numbered as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation three, and reprinted ; and supplementary lists of names to be added to, or removed from one position to another in the lists, in consequence of claims or objections, shall be prepared for each polling district. The names in the supplementary lists shall, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of regulation ten, be allotted sub-numbers, which sub-numbers shall be the same as would have been allotted to them had the names been added to the electors lists in the appropriate position, as provided by sub-paragraph (b) of the said paragraph (2). Before the register is published, any necessary deletions in the main lists shall be made as provided by sub-paragraph (a) of the said paragraph (2) in manuscript, and the main lists thus corrected, together with the supplementary lists relating thereto, shall constitute the register for the purposes of publication ;
- (d) if the procedure provided in the immediately preceding sub-paragraph is adopted, the registration officer shall arrange, as soon as may be after publication of the register, for the reprinting of so much thereof as was published in the form of main and supplementary lists, and in such reprinting the names in the supplementary lists shall be inserted (with their appropriate sub-numbers) in the proper positions in the register, and the names deleted in manuscript from the main lists (but not the numbers against such names) shall be omitted, and the sections of the register so reprinted shall replace in the published register the corresponding sections as first published.

Numbering
of names in
Register, etc.

Preparation
of civilian
residence
and business
premises
registers.

Adaptation
of United
Kingdom
Lists and
Register.

6.—(1) Notwithstanding any provision in that regard contained in the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations, no separate civilian residence electors lists or register or service register shall be made or published, but instead thereof :—

- (a) there shall be added to the civilian residence electors lists and register prepared under the Act of 1943 and the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944 and 1945, for the purposes of the May 1945 (United Kingdom) register, the names of any persons who, though not qualified to be registered as electors for an election to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, are qualified to be registered as electors for elections to the Parliament of Northern Ireland, and against every such name so added there shall be placed a distinguishing mark ;
- (b) there shall be placed in the said lists and register a distinguishing mark against the name of any person who, though qualified to be registered as an elector for elections to the Parliament of the United Kingdom is not so qualified for elections to the Parliament of Northern Ireland ;
- (c) the distinguishing mark to be placed against names inserted under sub-paragraph (a) shall be a “ dagger ” (†) and the mark to be placed against any name under sub-paragraph (b) shall be a paragraph mark or reversed “ P ” (¶) ; and
- (d) the heading to each part of the register relating to a separate registration unit and the running headlines to the continuation pages thereof shall include a reference to the Northern Ireland Parliamentary constituency in which the registration unit is situated, in addition to any other details required to be shown for the purposes of elections to the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

(2) The service register prepared and published on 7th May, 1945, for the purposes of the May 1945 (United Kingdom) register, shall be deemed to be the service register for the purposes of the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register, and, except for any addition to any heading or running headline thereof required for the purpose of indicating the Northern Ireland Parliamentary constituency to which the list or part of the register relates, no additions, deletions or modifications shall be made to, from, or in the said register.

(3) Separate business premises electors lists and a separate business premises register shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1944 for the purposes of the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register, and such register shall be published with, and as a section of, the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register.

Claims and
Objections.

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations the provisions of regulations seven, eight and nine of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall apply to the making and determination of claims and objections in connection with the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register.

(2) (a) Claims and objections shall be submitted to the registration officer in the form prescribed in that regard by the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations, but if a claim or objection giving the prescribed information is received, consideration thereof shall not be withheld by the registration officer solely because it is not submitted in the form prescribed.

(b) If, on the consideration of a claim or objection submitted to him in respect of the May 1945 (United Kingdom) register (whether such consideration shall result in the sustaining or rejection of the claim or objection in that connection) the registration officer is satisfied that, if the claim or objection had been submitted in respect of the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register, he would have decided to accept or reject the claim or objection as the case may be, he shall make the alterations in the register appropriate to such decision, notwithstanding that the claim or objection may not have been submitted in the form prescribed in that regard by the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations, nor specifically in connection with the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register. Before making such alterations, the registration officer shall inform the claimant, or person objecting and the person objected to, of his intention, and shall take into consideration any further representations which may be made to him in that regard by such person or persons.

(3) Where, on the consideration of a claim or objection made with respect to the electors lists for the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register, the claimant or objector exercises his right to appear and be heard, an appeal shall lie to the County Court from the decision of the registration officer thereon, and—

(a) sub-sections (2) to (5) of section fourteen of, and rules 29 and 30 of the First Schedule to, the Representation of the People Act, 1918 ;

(b) any Rules of Court made for the purposes of that section ; and

(c) the forms of notice of appeal prescribed by the Representation of the People Order under the said rule 29 ;

shall apply for the purpose of appeals under this regulation as they apply for the purpose of appeals under sub-section (1) of that section.

8.—(1) Paragraphs (b) and (c) of regulation four of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations (which require distinctive marks to be placed in each register against the names of persons entitled to vote by proxy and persons entitled to vote by post respectively) and, except in relation to a by-election, sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 2 of the First Schedule to those regulations shall not apply in relation to the May 1945 (Northern

Marking of
names in
Register.

Ireland) register or to elections for which that register is in force, and in lieu thereof the following provisions of this regulation shall have effect.

(2) In the civilian residence and business premises registers comprised in the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register the name of any person entered in the absent voters list shall be marked with the letter " A ".

(3) Where an election is initiated for which the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register is to be in force, the name of any person registered in the service register comprised therein shall be marked with the letter " A " in any copy of that register which is used for the issue of ballot papers, if he is entitled to vote by post at the election or, in the case of a by-election, if he or some person as his proxy is entitled to vote by post thereat.

Forms.

9. The forms in which claims, objections, applications, etc., are to be made and other matters done, for the purposes of the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register shall be the same as those prescribed in relation thereto in the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations, provided that :—

- (a) the forms to be used by service voters and war workers abroad for the purpose of making or cancelling the appointment of a proxy, or of making or cancelling an application to be recorded as a service postal voter shall be those prescribed in relation to the May 1945 (United Kingdom) register in the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1944 and 1945, or forms to the like effect, and the provisions of the said Regulations regarding the manner in which the said forms are to be used shall, subject to any modifications prescribed in these regulations, apply ;
- (b) the form to be used by civilian residence or business premises (civilian) voters for the purpose of claiming to be placed on the absent voters list shall be either—
 - (i) the form prescribed in that regard as Form A in Part I of the First Schedule to the Electoral Registration Regulations, 1945 ; or
 - (ii) the form prescribed as Form CX in Part II of the Third Schedule to the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations with the substitution of the words " at parliamentary elections held whilst the register now being prepared is in force " for the words " at the pending parliamentary election for the above constituency."

10. In relation to the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register, the provisions of regulations thirty-two and thirty-three shall have effect subject to the following modifications :—

- (a) The provision in paragraph (2) of regulation thirty-two, which requires a candidate or his election agent to inform the

registration officer of the number of copies of the register he desires to receive or to purchase not later than the last day for the determination of claims and objections, shall not apply.

- (b) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in regulation thirty-three, the registration officer may, after satisfying himself that sufficient copies are available and that sufficient other copies will remain to meet any further demands of a like nature likely to be made and other requirements, supply copies of the electors lists or register or any section thereof to any person making application therefor, and shall charge for such copies the fee prescribed in Part IV of these regulations as the fee to be charged for copies of the register.

PART III.

Temporary provisions relating to voting at Elections for which the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) Register is to be in force

Absent Voters and their Proxies

11.—(1) Applications to be entered in the absent voters list to be included in the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register shall be made as respects the period for which that register is to be in force.

(2) So much of paragraph (2) of regulation seventeen of the 1945 (No. 1) regulations as requires the parts of the provisional absent voters list corresponding respectively to the civilian residence and business premises registers to be in the form to be adopted for the corresponding register, shall not apply for the purposes of the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register, and either part of that list may be either in that form or in such other form as appears to the registration officer to be convenient.

(3) The names of electors entitled to vote by proxy shall not be marked in the said absent voters list (except in any copy to be used for the issue of ballot papers at an election so far as may be necessary to secure that a ballot paper is not sent to a person not entitled to receive one), but against the name of any absent voter entered in the list by reason of the fact that he, being registered in the business premises register, is a service voter there shall be placed the mark † together with his number in that register to indicate that he is so entered therein and to indicate that a ballot paper is not to be sent except to the address (if any) recorded in accordance with the next following paragraph.

(4) The registration officer shall, at his option, either enter on the absent voters list or keep a separate record of the addresses from time to time furnished to him by the persons entered in that list as the addresses to which ballot papers are to be sent for the purpose of enabling them to vote by post.

12. Absent voters' applications for the issue of a proxy paper for the purpose of elections for which the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register is to be in force may be made before publication of the register by persons entered or claiming to be entered in the electors lists, as well as after the publication thereof by persons entered in the absent voters list.

13.—(1) Regulation twenty-three of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall not apply in relation to the absent voters list to be included in the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register and in lieu thereof the following provisions of this regulation shall have effect.

(2) Any person entered or applying to be entered in the absent voters list for any constituency who has been appointed proxy by a service voter having a qualifying address in that constituency may make an application also to vote by post on behalf of that service voter:

(3) Any such application shall be disregarded—

(a) if the service voter is not registered in the service register for that constituency, or is not entered in the list of proxies as having appointed a proxy ; or

(b) if the registration officer is not satisfied, from the application, of the applicant's identity with the person entered in the list of proxies as the proxy appointed by the service voter.

(4) Any such application shall also be disregarded, where—

(a) it is made by a person applying to be entered in the absent voters list and the application to be so entered is not accepted by the registration officer ; or

(b) it is made by a person entered in the absent voters list and a proxy paper issued on that person's application is in force ;

and any such application shall be treated as cancelled if, after it is made, a proxy paper is issued on the application of the person making it.

(5) The registration officer shall keep a record of the persons from whom applications have been received and accepted by him under this regulation, and shall place the applicant's number in the absent voters list against the name of the service voter in the list of proxies.

(6) If any such application or the applicant's appointment as proxy is cancelled, the registration officer shall make the necessary changes in the record kept under the last foregoing paragraph and in the list of proxies.

(7) Any such application shall be disregarded for the purposes of any election unless received four clear days at least before the day fixed for nomination, and on the initiation of an election the registration officer shall, not later than the said day, enter against any such applicant's name in the copy of the absent voters list to be used for the issue of ballot papers an additional number, made up of his original number

Absent
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proxies.

Absent
voters
voting by
post as
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service
voters.

in that list and of a letter (which shall, in the case of an applicant who has made more than one such application, be different for each application) and at a general election shall, after each such number, insert in brackets the number in the service register of the service voter as whose proxy the applicant made the application in question.

Service postal voters and their proxies

14.—(1) Any application under section eight of the Act of 1945 ^{Service postal applications for general elections.} to vote by post (including a fresh application giving a new voting address) made by a person registered in the service register comprised in the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register shall be made in prescribed form as provided in regulation nine of these regulations ; and any such application made by a person, being a service voter, registered in the business premises register shall also be made as aforesaid, except that—

(a) the application shall be marked with the words “ business premises application (Northern Ireland) ” or words to the like effect ; and

(b) the applicant shall give the address of the business premises in respect of which he is so registered.

(2) Any such application shall be disregarded by the registration officer if the applicant is not registered (according to the form of the application)—

(a) in the service register ; or

(b) in the business premises register ;

or if the registration officer is not satisfied from the application of the applicant's identity with a person so registered.

(3) Subject to the last foregoing paragraph the registration officer shall file all such applications relating to the service register, including the address labels, in such manner as appears to him convenient, so, however, that the persons to whom the address labels relate can be identified with the persons registered in the register, either from the order of the labels in the file or from the addresses on the envelopes or otherwise ; and where any such application is superseded by a fresh application or is cancelled or otherwise ceases to be in force, the registration officer shall make the necessary changes in the file.

(4) Where the registration officer receives such an application relating to the business premises register he shall enter the voting address given therein on the absent voters list or other record of addresses.

15.—(1) The following provisions of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations, ^{Service postal list, etc.} that is to say—

(a) regulation eighteen (which relates to the service postal list) ;

(b) regulation nineteen so far as it relates to the record of voting addresses of persons entered in the service postal list ; and

(c) in the case of a general election, paragraph (2) of regulation twenty-two (which makes provision as to a proxy appointed

by a member of the forces where the appointment of the proxy is cancelled for a particular election by his applying to vote by post under sub-section (3) of section nine of the Act of 1944);

shall not apply to any election for which the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register is in force, and in lieu thereof the following provisions of this regulation shall have effect.

(2) No separate service postal list shall be prepared for any general election for which that register is in force, but—

(a) a copy of the service register in which the names of the persons entitled to vote by post have been marked as required by regulation eight of these regulations shall be used as the service postal list, the numbers of the names in the register being treated also as their numbers in that list; and

(b) the address labels supplied with the applications to vote by post shall be treated as the record of addresses to which ballot papers are to be sent (the labels themselves being used for the purpose of addressing the envelopes).

(3) Where in any constituency a by-election is initiated for which that register is in force, the registration officer shall

(a) prepare a service postal list containing the names and qualifying addresses of members of the forces registered in the service register from whom he has before nomination day received applications under sub-section (3) of section nine of the Act of 1944 for a ballot paper to be sent to an address in the United Kingdom for the purpose of voting by post at that election; and

(b) number the names in the service postal list consecutively beginning with the number one; and

(c) enter in that list the addresses (if any) furnished to him by the persons entered therein as the addresses to which ballot papers are to be sent as aforesaid.

Procedure for voting by post and counting votes

Procedure
for voting
by post.

16.—(1) Part III of and the Fourth Schedule to the Representation of the People Order as applied with modifications to voting by post under the Act of 1944 by regulation twenty-four of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall apply to voting by post under that Act and the Act of 1945 at an election for which the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register is in force, subject to the further modifications for which provision is made by this regulation.

(2) Any covering envelopes returned at a general election so as to be received by the returning officer within nineteen days after the close of the poll, shall be placed in a separate absent voters ballot box from envelopes received before the close of the poll and shall be opened

and checked in the same way as if received before the close of the poll ; but, in the case of envelopes which appear from the declaration of identity not to have been returned by persons voting under Part II of the Act of 1945, the contents shall be dealt with in the same way as if the declaration of identity had been rejected under the Representation of the People Order.

(3) The form of declaration of identity to be sent to a person for the purpose of voting by post under the said Part II (but not any such form to be sent to any other person) shall have printed at the head the words " Number of elector in register : . . . ", or words to that effect, and the said number shall be filled in by the returning officer, and any declaration of identity on which the said words are printed shall be rejected if, when it is returned, the said number has been defaced or removed.

Where a declaration of identity is rejected under this paragraph, it and any ballot paper accompanying it shall be dealt with in the same way as if it had been rejected under the Representation of the People Order.

(4) At a general election, after all the envelopes contained in the absent voters' ballot boxes have been checked, the returning officer shall, from the numbers filled in as aforesaid on any such declarations returned and not rejected, mark a copy of the service register and of the business premises register to indicate the persons who have voted by post under the said Part II and for that purpose all such declarations of identity shall, until the register has been so marked, be kept separate from other declarations of identity.

(5) The provisions of these regulations relating to the colour of a ballot paper issued for the purpose of voting as proxy for a person registered in the service register and to the marking of a slip attached to the ballot paper so issued with the number of that person in the said register shall apply to ballot papers issued at a general election for the purpose of voting by post as proxy for a person so registered, and with any such ballot paper there shall be sent out an instruction to the proxy indicating the person on whose behalf it is to be used and explaining that any vote cast thereon will be cancelled if that person himself votes by post and that the ballot paper will be rejected unless the slip containing the number remains attached thereto.

(6) At a general election, when the contents of the absent voters ballot boxes are checked, any ballot papers issued for the purpose of voting as proxy by post—

- (a) shall be rejected, if the said slip does not remain attached thereto and if so rejected shall be dealt with as if rejected under the Representation of the People Order ; but
- (b) if not rejected under that Order or this regulation, shall, instead of being placed in the sealed ballot box for the votes

to be counted, be set aside in a separate receptacle to be dealt with as hereinafter mentioned.

Provisions
for checking
votes of
service
proxies at
general
election.

17.—(1) At a general election for which the May 1945 (Northern Ireland) register is in force the ballot paper to be issued to any person for the purpose of voting as proxy for a person registered in the service register or the business premises register shall—

- (a) be of a different colour from ballot papers of any other description so as to be readily distinguishable from them ; and
- (b) shall have attached thereto, on the opposite side to the counterfoil, a perforated slip, on the back of which shall be printed the words “ number of service voter in register . . . ” or words to that effect ;

and the said number shall be filled in, when the ballot paper is issued, at the same time as that number (or, in the case of a proxy voting by post, the relevant number in the absent voters list in lieu of that number) is marked on the counterfoil.

(2) When the contents of the absent voters ballot boxes have been checked, the returning officer shall proceed forthwith to the counting of the votes in accordance with the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872, subject to the modifications for which provision is made by this regulation.

(3) When the number of the ballot papers in each ballot box has been counted and recorded in accordance with paragraph 34 of the said First Schedule, the coloured ballot papers shall be separated from the others, and the others shall be mixed together in accordance with the said paragraph 34 and shall be returned to one or more ballot boxes, which shall first be shown open and empty to the agents of the candidates then present and shall be sealed with the seal of the returning officer and of such of the said agents as desire to affix their seals.

(4) The said coloured ballot papers shall then be examined, and any ballot paper to which the perforated slip does not remain attached shall be rejected.

(5) The remaining coloured ballot papers, together with any such ballot papers returned by post and set aside in accordance with the last foregoing regulation, shall then be dealt with as follows :—

- (a) the number on the perforated slip of each ballot paper shall be read out, and if on comparison with the marked copy of the service register or the business premises register, as the case may be, it is found that the name of the service voter has been marked in accordance with the last foregoing regulation to indicate that he has himself voted, the ballot paper shall be rejected ;
- (b) any ballot paper not rejected under the foregoing paragraph shall have the perforated slip detached therefrom and shall

be placed in a ballot box with the other ballot papers set aside for the votes to be counted ;

- (c) the perforated slips detached as aforesaid shall be placed in a separate receptacle and shall be sealed up in a separate packet and forwarded to the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland together with the sealed packets of ballot papers at the conclusion of the count ;
- (d) while the ballot papers are being dealt with in accordance with this paragraph they shall be kept, so far as practicable, with their faces downward and all proper precautions shall be taken for preventing any person from seeing the way in which they have been marked.

(6) Any ballot paper rejected under this regulation shall be dealt with in the same way as ballot papers rejected under the said First Schedule, except that the number of ballot papers so rejected shall be reported to the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland under two additional heads, namely—

5. proxy ballot papers not identifiable ; and

6. duplicate proxy votes.

(7) Where the checking of the coloured ballot papers in accordance with this regulation is completed on the day on which the counting of the votes begins, the counting shall thereupon be adjourned until the next following day which is not a Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday, or a day which under the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, as amended by any subsequent enactment (including Defence Regulations) is a bank holiday in the place where the votes are being counted, and the like precautions for the security of ballot papers and other documents relating to the election shall be taken as are required by paragraph 35 of the said First Schedule to be taken during the time excluded from the counting of the votes by that paragraph.

18. Nothing in this part of these regulations shall apply to a university constituency.

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uencies.

PART IV.

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL.

Service Voters

19. The areas outside the United Kingdom which are postal voting areas for the purposes of Part II of the Act of 1945 are the areas specified in the Second Schedule to these regulations.

20.—(1) Every candidate at a general election to which Part II of the Act of 1945 applies shall, on making a request to the returning officer and on supplying him with the necessary copies, be entitled to have his election address or any other document containing matter relating to the election only sent to each person entitled to vote by post in the

Sending of
election
addresses to
service
voters.

constituency under the said Part II by being enclosed in the same cover as the ballot paper to be sent to that person :

Provided that—

- (a) no candidate shall be entitled to have sent to any person a document measuring more than ten inches by seven and a half inches or a document which weighs, or documents which together weigh, more than a quarter of an ounce ; and
- (b) for the purpose of this regulation candidates who are, under paragraph (4) of Part V of the First Schedule to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices Prevention Act, 1883, deemed to be joint candidates shall be treated as a single candidate.

(2) In the application of this regulation to a university constituency, a reference to a voting paper shall be substituted for the reference to a ballot paper.

Voting by
post at
university
elections.

21.—(1) On the initiation of a general election to which Part II of the Act of 1945 applies, the returning officer for any university constituency shall not later than the day fixed for nomination mark on the copies of the register to be used at the election for checking voting papers before they are counted, the names of all persons entitled to vote by post at that election under the said Part II.

(2) The said copies shall be used both for the purpose of rejecting proxy votes where the elector votes himself, and for distinguishing, in the case of votes received after the close of the poll, between votes cast by persons entitled to vote under the said Part II and votes cast by other persons.

(3) Where, when the votes are being checked, it is found that a voting paper otherwise valid has been received from a person voting as proxy on behalf of a person entitled to vote by post under the said Part II the voting paper shall—

- (a) if the name of the elector is already marked to show that a voting paper has been received from him, be treated as invalid ;
- (b) if not, be set aside until the conclusion of the checking and shall then again be checked and either treated as invalid if the name of the elector is then marked as aforesaid or placed with the other papers set aside for the votes to be counted.

Registration
of persons
who have
been prison-
ers of war.

22.—(1) It shall not be necessary for the registration officer to include in the service register for any constituency as originally published the names of any persons who, having been prisoners of war, are entitled by virtue of section three of the Act of 1945 to be registered therein, if their service declarations are received by him too late for them to be conveniently included as aforesaid.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, where an election is initiated in any constituency, the registration officer shall,

not later than the day fixed for nomination, prepare a supplement to the service register containing the names of any persons entitled to be registered therein as aforesaid and not included therein on the publication thereof.

(3) The said supplement shall be published in the same way as the register, and shall be treated for all the purposes of the election (including the numbering and marking of the names therein) as if it were part of the register, except that it shall be prepared in such form as appears to the registration officer to be convenient.

Minor amendments and supplementary provisions

23.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of regulation nine of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations, a person shall not, on the consideration of a claim to be registered, be entitled to appear and object thereto, unless—

Objections
to claims.

(a) a notice of his intention to object has been sent to the registration officer; and

(b) a copy of that notice has, not later than three days before the day fixed for the consideration of the claim, been sent by pre-paid and registered post by the objector to the claimant either at the address at which he claims to be registered or at his last known place of abode.

(2) Any notice under this regulation of intention to object to a claim shall give particulars of the grounds of the objection and shall state the electors list in which the objector's name is entered and his address as shown in that list.

(3) The time fixed by the registration officer for the consideration of a claim shall not be earlier than the fifth day after that on which it is entered on the list of claims and objections.

24. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (2) of regulation three of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations (which provides for the assigning of a separate letter to each of the three registers), it shall not be necessary for the registration officer, unless he deems it proper so to do, to assign a separate letter to the civilian residence register.

Amendment
of Regulation
3 of 1945
(No. 1)
Regulations.

25.—(1) The following regulation (which has been superseded by provisions contained in paragraph three of the Fourth Schedule to the Representation of the People Act, 1945, as applied to the Representation of the People Acts (Northern Ireland) 1918 to 1945 by paragraph (b) of sub-section 5 of section thirty-nine of the Representation of the People Act, 1945), is hereby revoked, that is to say, regulation sixteen of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations.

Revocations.

(2) The definitions in regulation thirty-five of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations of the expressions "Act of 1943" and "War Worker" (which are superseded by regulation two of these regulations) are hereby revoked.

(3) The following provisions of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations are (for the purpose of making minor amendments in those regulations) hereby revoked, that is to say—in paragraph (1) of regulation twenty-two (which relates to the list of proxies to be kept by the registration officer) the words “ and shall mark in the list with a distinctive mark the name of any proxy stated in the voter’s applicaton to be the voter’s husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother or sister ”, and in subparagraph (1) of paragraph 2 of the First Schedule (which limits the number of ballot papers to be sent to an absent voter where it appears to the returning officer from a comparison of the absent voters list with the list of proxies that an absent voter has applied to vote as proxy for more persons than he is entitled to) the words “ from a comparison of the absent voters list with the list of proxies ”.

Sale of
Register, etc.

26. The fee to be paid by a candidate or other person in respect of any copies of the register or electors lists or of any sections thereof supplied to him in accordance with the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations or these regulations shall be 1s. with the addition of 1d. for every 100 (or part of 100) names after the first 100, and any reference in regulations thirty-two and thirty-three of the 1945 (No. 1) Regulations shall be read accordingly.

Documents
of Identity.

27. For the purposes of Section fourteen of the Act of 1945 the document of identity to be produced for the inspection of the presiding officer by a person applying for a ballot paper shall be :—

- (a) an identity card issued pursuant to the provisions of the National Registration Act, 1939 ; or
- (b) a valid British passport ; or
- (c) a travel permit card ; or
- (d) a document of identity issued by the head or other constable of the R.U.C. in charge of a station ;

which bears the same name and address as are shown in the entry in the register in respect of which the person is applying to vote.

Edmond Warnock,

Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1945.

I hereby consent to the foregoing Regulations.

Herbert Morrison,

Home Office,
Whitehall.

Secretary of State.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

PART I.

TIME-TABLE FOR PREPARATION OF MAY 1945 (NORTHERN IRELAND)
REGISTER, ETC.

Qualifying date. 31st January, 1945.
Publication of Civilian Residence and Business Premises electors lists.	} 31st March, 1945.
Publication of Corrupt and Illegal Practices list.	
Publication of Notice as to mode of making claims and objections.	
Last day for making of claims and objections to civilian residence and business premises lists.	} 9th April, 1945.
Last day for making of claims and objections to the Corrupt and Illegal Practices list.	
Last day for making application to be entered in Absent Voters list.	
Last day for determination of claims and objections	... 28th April, 1945.
Publication of Register 7th May, 1945.

PART II.

PERIODS DURING WHICH DOCUMENTS MUST BE KEPT PUBLISHED.

<i>Document.</i>	<i>Period of Publication.</i>
Electors lists and Corrupt and Illegal Practices list as first published.	Until 7th May, 1945.
Notice as to mode of making claims and objections.	Until 9th April, 1945.
Register.	Until the date of expiry of the Register.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

POSTAL VOTING AREA.

The continent of Europe west and south of a line from the Baltic to the Mediterranean so drawn as to exclude Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Turkey (except Switzerland, Spain and Portugal).

Norway.

The Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, the Azores, and the islands of the Mediterranean (except the Balearics).

Palestine.

Syria.

Lebanon.

Transjordan.

Irak.

The Protectorate of Aden.

Persia.

India.

Burma.

Ceylon.

The continent of Africa.

The United States of America.

Canada.

Newfoundland.

Iceland.