

## B. — DISBURSEMENTS.

## I.— IN A CONTESTED ELECTION.

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough
4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of despatching and receiving the ballot papers of persons entitled to vote by post—	£	s. d.
(a) if the number of persons entitled to vote by post does not exceed 50	0	15 0
(b) for each additional 50 or fraction thereof an additional	0	15 0

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION FORTY OF THE ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946, PRESCRIBING THE FEES AND SCALE OF MAXIMUM CHARGES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AT ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

1946. No. 229

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section Forty of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1946"), and of all other powers in that behalf thereunto enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1. The Returning Officer at the election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Northern Ireland for a constituency (other than the Queen's University Constituency) constituted by the House of Commons (Method of Voting and Redistribution of Seats) Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, shall, in respect of the conduct of such election, be entitled, in accordance with the provisions of Sub-section 1 of Section Thirty-nine of the Act of 1946, to receive for his own services the fees specified in that behalf in Section A of the Schedule hereto, and, in accordance with the provisions of Sub-section 1 of Section Forty of the Act of 1946, to his reasonable charges for any expenses properly incurred by him not exceeding the sums specified in that behalf in Section B of the said Schedule, provided that the charges for disbursements shall in no case exceed the sums actually and necessarily paid or payable.

2. The scale of fees and charges prescribed by these Regulations shall apply to all elections to the Parliament of Northern Ireland (other than elections of members for the Queen's University Constituency) conducted after the date of these Regulations until varied, altered, or revoked by any further or other Regulations made by the Ministry pursuant to the powers aforesaid.

3. The Returning Officer shall, for the purpose of payment to him of such fees and expenses, render to the Ministry accounts thereof in the manner and form and at such times as the Ministry may, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, from time to time direct.

4. The Interpretation Act, 1889, as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

5. These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Parliamentary Returning Officers' Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 28th day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*J. B. O'Neill,*

Assistant Secretary.

Approved by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 16th day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

*Thom McCrea,*

Assistant Secretary.

#### SCHEDULE

##### A. — FOR SERVICES OF RETURNING OFFICERS

###### I. — IN A CONTESTED ELECTION

Fee (to include the cost of such legal assistance, if any, as the Returning Officer may determine to employ) for conducting the election and generally performing all the duties which a Returning Officer is required to perform under any enactments relating to Parliamentary Elections —

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

###### II. — IN AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION

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

## ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE.

## B. — DISBURSEMENTS.

## I. — IN A CONTESTED ELECTION.

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
	£	s. d.
1. (a) For each presiding officer, to include all expenses other than any expenses specially authorised by this scale.	3	10 0
(b) Where two or more polling stations are situated in the same room and the presiding officer of one station, designated by the Returning Officer as senior presiding officer, performs supervisory duties in connection with the other stations so situated, for each such senior presiding officer.	4	0 6
2. For a clerk at a polling station,  Where the number of electors assigned to a polling station is in excess of 600, an additional clerk may be employed for every number of 600 voters or fraction thereof beyond the first 600. (In calculating the number of voters assigned to any polling station, postal voters must be excluded).	1	10 0
3. For the remuneration of persons engaged in counting the votes—		
(a) if the number of registered electors in the constituency does not exceed 10,000 a total sum of	10	10 0
(b) for each additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof beyond 10,000 an additional.	0	15 0
4. For the remuneration of persons employed for the purpose of despatching and receiving the ballot papers of postal voters—		
(a) if the number of postal voters does not exceed 50	0	15 0
(b) for each additional 50 or fraction thereof an additional.	0	15 0

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
5. For all clerical and other assistance employed by the Returning Officer for the purposes of the election, including any services for which payment is not otherwise authorised by this scale. If the number of registered electors—		
(a) does not exceed 10,000	£ s. d. 18 10 0	£ s. d. 15 0 0
(b) exceeds 10,000 — for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof an additional.	1 3 6	1 1 0
6. Returning Officers' travelling expenses where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	First Class Railway Expenses, or, where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost, with subsistence allowance of £1 a night for not more than five nights when necessarily absent from home on account of duty.	
7. Travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks (including any expenses incurred in conveying the ballot boxes in those cases in which presiding officers or poll clerks are responsible for the transport of the boxes to or from the polling stations).	Third Class Railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost, with subsistence allowance to presiding officers of £1, and to poll clerks of 15s. for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	If a presiding officer or poll clerk is responsible for the conveyance of the ballot boxes (but not otherwise) actual and necessary cost.
8. Travelling expenses of clerical or other assistance other than counting assistants employed by the Returning Officer where necessary to make arrangements for the poll or otherwise in connection with the conduct of the election.	Third class railway expenses, or where railway service is not available, the actual and necessary cost, with subsistence allowance of 15s. a night for each night necessarily spent away from home on account of duty.	
9. For printing and providing ballot papers.	Actual and necessary cost.	
10. For printing and providing notices and other documents required in and about the election or poll and costs of publishing same.	Actual and necessary cost.	

	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary County.	In a Constituency in a Parliamentary Borough.
11. For the renting of any building or room for the purposes of the election and for expenses for heating, lighting and cleaning any building or room.	Actual and necessary cost.	
12. For adapting any building or room for the purposes of the election and restoring it to fit condition for its normal use including the fitting up of voting compartments and the hire of necessary furniture where this is not otherwise obtainable.	Actual and necessary cost.	
13. For every ballot box required to be hired or repaired.	Actual and necessary cost.	
14. For the conveyance of ballot boxes, ballot papers, etc., in those cases where the cost of transport is not included in the travelling expenses of presiding officers and poll clerks under B.I.7.	Actual and necessary cost.	
15. For every stamping instrument required to be purchased, hired, altered or repaired.	Actual and necessary cost.	
16. For copies of the register.	Actual and necessary cost.	
17. For general stationery, postage, and telegrams and telephone messages.	Actual and necessary cost.	

## II.—IN AN UNCONTESTED ELECTION.

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