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PART 3

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Payment of expenses through election agent: constituency and individual regional candidates

- **38.**—(1) No payment (of whatever nature) shall be made by—
 - (a) a candidate for return as a constituency member or an individual candidate for return as a regional member; or
 - (b) any other person,

in respect of election expenses incurred by or on behalf of the candidate for return as a constituency member or an individual candidate for return as a regional member unless it is made by or through the candidate's election agent.

- (2) Every payment made by an election agent in respect of any election expenses shall, except where less than £20, be vouched for by a bill stating the particulars or by a receipt.
- (3) The references in the foregoing provisions of this article to an election agent include the election agent acting by a sub-agent.
 - (4) This article does not apply to—
 - (a) any expenses which are, in accordance with article 39(1) or (2), 44(6) or 45(2), paid by the candidate;
 - (b) any expenses which are paid in accordance with article 39(4) by a person authorised as mentioned in that provision; or
 - (c) any expenses which are to be regarded as incurred by or on behalf of the candidate by virtue of article 58(5) (expenses incurred before the date the person becomes a candidate at the election).
- (5) A person who makes any payment (of whatever nature) in contravention of paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an illegal practice.