
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007

Agents of candidates who may attend proceedings on receipt of postal ballot papers

7.—(1) Each candidate may appoint one or more agents to attend the proceedings on the receipt of the postal ballot papers up to the number such candidate may be authorised by the returning officer to appoint and the number authorised shall be the same in the case of each candidate.

(2) Notice in writing of the appointment stating the names and addresses of the persons appointed shall be given by the candidate to the returning officer before the time fixed for the opening of the postal voters box.

(3) Where postal ballot papers for more than one election are issued together under regulation 4, the returning officer to whom notice shall be given under paragraphs (2), (4) and (5) is the returning officer who issues the postal ballot papers.

(4) If an agent dies or becomes incapable of acting, the candidate may appoint another agent in such agent's place and shall forthwith give to the returning officer notice in writing of the name and address of the agent appointed.

(5) Agents may be appointed and notice of appointment given to the returning officer by the candidate's election agent instead of by the candidate.

(6) In these Regulations references to agents shall be taken as references to agents whose appointments have been duly made and notified and, in the case of agents appointed under paragraph (1), who are within the number authorised by the returning officer.

(7) A candidate may do any act or thing which any agent of such candidate, if appointed, would have been authorised to do, or may assist such agent in doing any such act or thing.

(8) Where in these Regulations any act or thing is required or authorised to be done in the presence of the candidates or their agents, the non-attendance of any such persons or person at the time and place appointed for the purpose shall not, if the act or thing is otherwise duly done, invalidate the act or thing done.