

SCHEDULE 1

SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS RULES RULES FOR CONDUCT OF A SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION WHERE THE POLL IS NOT TAKEN TOGETHER WITH THE POLL AT ANOTHER ELECTION

PART IV

DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS

Sealing up of ballot papers

56.—(1) On the completion of the counting at a contested election the returning officer shall seal up in packets the ballot papers and a complete electronic copy of the information stored in the electronic counting system held in a device suitable for the purposes of its storage.

(2) The returning officer shall not open the sealed packets of—

- (a) tendered ballot papers;
- (b) the completed corresponding number lists;
- (c) certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll; or
- (d) marked copies of the register of electors (including any marked copy notices issued under section 13B(3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act⁽¹⁾) and lists of proxies.

(3) As soon as reasonably practicable after the electronic copy mentioned in paragraph (1) has been stored in accordance with that paragraph, the returning officer shall procure that all original electronic data or records relating to the election is removed from the electronic counting system and that it (and any copy of that data or records other than a copy made pursuant to rule 56(1)) is destroyed in a manner which ensures that the confidentiality of the data or records is preserved.

(1) 1983 c. 2.