

SCHEDULE 2

MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS RULES IN SCHEDULE 1 TO APPLY WHERE THE POLL AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION IS TAKEN TOGETHER WITH THE POLL AT ANOTHER ELECTION UNDER SECTION 15(1) OR (2) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1985(1)

19. In rule 60 (countermand or abandonment of poll on death of candidate)–

(a) at the end of paragraph (1) there shall be inserted–

“Provided that neither the countermand of the poll at the local government election nor the direction that that poll be abandoned shall affect the poll at the parliamentary election, or, as the case may be, European Parliamentary election”; and

(b) for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:–

“(2) Where the poll at the local government election is abandoned by reason of a candidate’s death, no further ballot papers shall be delivered in any polling station and, at the close of the poll for the parliamentary election, or as the case may be, European Parliamentary election, the presiding officer shall take the like steps for the delivery to the returning officer of the ballot boxes and of ballot papers and other documents as such presiding officer would be required to do if the poll at the local government election had not been abandoned, and the returning officer shall dispose of ballot papers used at the local government election (at which a candidate has died) as such presiding officer is required to do on the completion in due course of the counting of the votes, but–

(a) it shall not be necessary for any ballot paper account at that election to be prepared or verified; and

(b) the returning officer, having separated the ballot papers relating to the parliamentary or European Parliamentary election, shall take no step or further step for the counting of the ballot papers used at the local government election (at which a candidate has died) or of the votes and shall seal up all those ballot papers, whether the votes on them have been counted or not, and it shall not be necessary to seal up counted and rejected ballot papers in separate packets.”.