

## SCHEDULE

### HEALTH BOARD ELECTION RULES

#### PART 7

#### CASTING OF VOTES

##### ***Spoilt ballot papers and covering envelopes***

**30.**—(1) If a voter inadvertently does something to the voter’s ballot paper so that it cannot be used as such (a “spoilt ballot paper”), the voter may return (by hand or by post) the spoilt ballot paper and the covering envelope to the returning officer.

(2) If a voter inadvertently does something to the voter’s covering envelope so that it cannot be used as such (a “spoilt covering envelope”), the voter may return (by hand or by post) the spoilt covering envelope to the returning officer.

(3) On receipt of a spoilt ballot paper and covering envelope or spoilt covering envelope, the returning officer must send (or give by hand) another voting pack or, as the case may be, covering envelope, to the voter unless the returning officer considers it is too late for a ballot paper to be returned before the poll closes.

(4) If the returning officer sends or gives a voter another voting pack in accordance with this rule, the officer must mark the unique number of the ballot paper contained in the voting pack against the entry corresponding to that voter in the officer’s extract of the register of local government electors.