

SCHEDULE

HEALTH BOARD ELECTION RULES

PART 8

THE COUNT

Electronic counting

33.—(1) In these rules “electronic counting system” means such computer hardware and software, other equipment, data and services as is necessary in order to—

- (a) read electronically the votes marked and the unique number printed on each ballot paper;
- (b) calculate the number of votes cast for each candidate at the Health Board election; and
- (c) ensure the retention of a record of the votes cast for each candidate, without identifying the voters who cast those votes.

(2) The returning officer must conduct the count by means of an electronic counting system (and may do anything in connection with the count by electronic means in order to enable the count to be so conducted).

But if it is impossible or impracticable to conduct the count, or any part of it, using the electronic counting system, the returning officer may make arrangements for the count, or any part of it, to be conducted by other means.

(3) References in rules 38 to 43 to ballot papers and parcels of ballot papers include references to ballot papers and parcels in electronic form.