#### **SCHEDULE**

### HEALTH BOARD ELECTION RULES

# PART 8

### THE COUNT

## Transfer of ballot papers – supplementary provisions

- **42.**—(1) If, at the end of any stage of the count, the number of votes credited to two or more candidates exceeds the quota, the returning officer must—
  - (a) first sort the ballot papers of the candidate with the highest surplus; and
  - (b) then transfer the transferable papers of that candidate.
- (2) If the surpluses in respect of two or more candidates are equal, the transferable ballot papers of the candidate who had the highest number of votes at the end of the most recent preceding stage at which they had unequal numbers must be transferred first.
- (3) If the number of votes credited to two or more candidates were equal at all stages, the returning officer must decide, by lot, which candidate's transferable papers are to be transferred first.