
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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Northern Ireland Negotiations (Referendum) Order 1998

Counting officer

5.—(1) For the purposes of the referendum, the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland shall be the counting officer.

(2) That Officer shall be the registration officer for the purposes of the provisions applied by this Order (as he is for parliamentary and local elections).

(3) Sections 14(5) and 14A(2) and (3) of the 1962 Act⁽¹⁾ (appointment of temporary deputy and delegation to assistants) shall have effect in relation to the Chief Electoral Officer in his capacity as counting officer and registration officer under this Order.

(4) The counting officer shall certify the total of—

- (a) the ballot papers counted,
- (b) the votes cast for each answer, and
- (c) the number of rejected ballot papers under each head shown in the statement of rejected ballot papers,

for the whole of Northern Ireland.

⁽¹⁾ Sections 14 and 14A were substituted by article 6 of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 (S.I.1972/1264) (N.I. 13).