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**2002 No.**

Northern Ireland Assembly  
(Elections) (Amendment) Order 2002

2.—(1) Schedule 1 to the 2001 Order (application with modifications of statutory provisions relating to elections) is amended as follows.

(2) In the right-hand column of that Schedule, in rule 44B (preliminary proceedings) of the rules in Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983<sup>(1)</sup> (as modified)—

(a) in paragraph (3), the words from “it is returned” to the end are to be sub-paragraph (a) of that paragraph, and after “authenticated” there is inserted—

“and

(b) in the case of an elector, that declaration of identity states the date of birth of the elector and the returning officer is satisfied that the date stated corresponds with the date supplied as the date of the elector’s birth pursuant to section 10(4A)(b), 10A(1A)(b) or 13A(2A)(b) of this Act<sup>(2)</sup>, as applied by Schedule 1 to the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989<sup>(3)</sup>.”; and

(b) after paragraph (3) there is inserted—

“(3A) In the case of an elector, unless section 10(4B), 10A(1B) or 13A(2B) of this Act (as applied by Schedule 1 to the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989) applies, the declaration of identity referred to in paragraph (3) shall be taken not to be duly signed unless the returning officer is satisfied that the signature on the declaration corresponds with the signature supplied as the elector’s signature pursuant to section 10(4A)(a), 10A(1A)(a) or 13A(2A)(a) of this Act (as so applied).”.

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(1) 1983 c. 2.

(2) Sections 10, 10A and 13A were substituted by Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2) and amended by section 1 of the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 13).

(3) 1989 c. 3; Schedule 1 was amended by Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 2000.