**Draft Legislation:** This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: The Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 2005 No. 269

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases the maximum amounts of candidates' election expenses at a ward election (article 3) and an election by liverymen in common hall (article 4) in the City of London.

The increases are such as are justified by the change in the value of money since the last occasion on which those maximum amounts were fixed. The last occasion on which those maximum amounts were fixed was 16th March 1997, when the Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/879) was made.

In the case of a ward election, the maximum amount of a candidate's election expenses is made up of a fixed amount (expressed in pounds) plus a sum expressed in pence (and fractions of pence) for each elector included in the ward list to be used at the election. In the case of an election by liverymen in common hall, the maximum amount of a candidate's election expenses is calculated by allowing an amount in pence (and fractions of pence) for every elector on the common hall register to be used at the election.