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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2010 No.**

**The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2010**

**Additional requirements for applications for absent votes**

5.—(1) After regulation 55 of the 2008 Regulations insert—

**“Additional requirement for applications for ballot papers to be sent to a different address to that in register**

**55A.**—(1) Paragraph (2) applies where—

- (a) in the case of an application to vote by post under section 6(1) of the 1985 Act<sup>(1)</sup>, the addresses provided in accordance with section 6(6) of that Act and regulation 55(2)(b) are different;
- (b) in the case of an application to vote by post under section 7(1) of the 1985 Act, the addresses provided in accordance with section 7(5) of that Act and regulation 55(2)(b) are different;
- (c) in the case of an application by a proxy to vote by post under section 9(4) of the 1985 Act, the address provided in accordance with section 9(12) of that Act and the proxy’s address provided in accordance with regulation 55(2)(c) are different.

(2) The application must set out why the applicant’s (“A”) circumstances will be or are likely to be such that A requires the ballot paper to be sent to the address provided in accordance with the provisions of the 1985 Act mentioned above.

**Additional requirement for applications for ballot papers to be sent to different address from that shown in the record kept under section 6(3) or section 9(6) of the 1985 Act**

**55B.** An application under—

- (a) section 7(2) of the 1985 Act by a person (“A”) shown as voting by post in the record kept under section 6(3) of that Act; or
- (b) section 9(8) of the 1985 Act by a person (“A”) shown as voting by post in the record kept under section 9(6) of that Act,

for A’s ballot paper to be sent to a different address from that shown in the record shall set out why A’s circumstances will be or are likely to be such that A requires the ballot paper to be sent to that address.”.

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(1) 1985 c.50; sections 6, 7 and 9 (see below) were amended by Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c.2); sections 6 and 7 were amended by section 3 of the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c.13); section 6 was amended by paragraph 134 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22) and section 9 was amended by section 38(4) of that Act.