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**2013 No.**

**The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013**

*Temporary modifications to facilitate transition from the existing councils to the new councils*

**Temporary modifications relating to the first election of new councils**

5.—(1) The following modifications apply for the purposes of elections to a new council under section 11(2)(a) of the 1962 Act in the local election year 2014.

(2) Section 23 of the 1962 Act (remuneration and expenses of Chief Electoral Officer and other persons at local election)<sup>(1)</sup> applies as if in subsection (4), for the words “local authority by which such expenses are to be paid” there were substituted “the statutory transition committee, established under the Local Government (Statutory Transition Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013<sup>(2)</sup>, in relation to the local authority concerned”.

(3) Article 9 of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972<sup>(3)</sup> applies as if for paragraph (2) there were substituted—

“(2) The deputy returning officer for an election to a district council—

- (a) is to be a person appointed for that purpose by the statutory transition committee for that council established under the Local Government (Statutory Transition Committees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013; and
- (b) must perform, on behalf of the Chief Electoral Officer, such functions in relation to those elections as shall be delegated to him by the Chief Electoral Officer.

(2A) The appointment mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) must be made in consultation with the Electoral Commission.”.

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(1) Section 23 was amended by S.I. 1972/1264 (N.I. 13); S.I. 1972/1998 (N.I. 21); and S.I. 1985/454.

(2) S.R. 2013/179.

(3) S.I. 1972/1264 (N.I. 13); article 9 was amended by S.I. 1972/1998 (N.I. 21) and S.I. 1973/2163. Article 9(3) no longer has any application.