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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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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 casual vacancies in new councils and existing councils**

**8.—(1)** The following provisions apply during the period beginning on the fourth day after the election day (within the meaning of section 11(1A) of the 1962 Act) in 2014 and ending on 31st March 2015.

(2) Where a casual vacancy (within the meaning of section 11(4) of the 1962 Act) arises in an existing council, any reference in the 1962 Act to a district council or a local authority must be taken for the purpose of filling that vacancy as referring to the existing council.

(3) Where a casual vacancy (within the meaning of section 11(4) of the 1962 Act) arises in a new council, any reference in the 1962 Act to a district council or a local authority must be taken for the purpose of filling that vacancy as referring to the new council.