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PART 6

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Prohibition on publication of exit polls

124.—(1) A person must not, before the end of the last day of the signing period for a petition, publish—

- (a) any statement relating to whether any person has signed the petition where that statement is (or might reasonably be taken to be) based on information given by that person; or
- (b) any forecast as to the result of the petition which is (or might reasonably be taken to be) based on information so given.

(2) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

(3) In this regulation—

"forecast" includes estimate; and

"publish" means make available to the public at large, or any section of the public, in whatever form and by whatever means.