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**2016 No.**

The Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016

PART 6

OFFENCES

**Illegal canvassing by police officers**

**128.**—(1) A member of a police force must not by word, message, writing or in any other manner, endeavour to persuade any person to sign a petition held in relation to a constituency wholly or partly within the police area of the force of which that person is a member, or dissuade any person from signing such a petition, whether as an elector or as proxy.

(2) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, but nothing in that paragraph shall subject a member of a police force to any penalty for anything done in the discharge of their duty as a member of the force.

(3) In this regulation, references to a member of a police force and to a police area are to be taken in relation to Northern Ireland as references to a member of the Police Service of Northern Ireland and to Northern Ireland.