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PART 2

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE  
REFERENDUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

*The poll*

**Sealing of ballot boxes**

**28.**—(1) Immediately before the commencement of the poll, the presiding officer must show anyone present in the polling station that the ballot box is empty.

(2) The presiding officer must then—

- (a) lock the box (if it has a lock) and place his or her seal on it in a manner that prevents it from being opened without breaking the seal, and
- (b) place the box in his or her view for the receipt of ballot papers, and keep it so locked (if it has a lock) and sealed.