DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No.

The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2020

Insertion of rule 56A (destruction of home address forms)

8. After rule 56 (declaration of result) insert—

"Destruction of home address forms

- **56A.**—(1) The returning officer must destroy each candidate's home address form—
 - (a) on the next working day following the end of the period of 22 days beginning with the day on which the declaration of the names of the persons elected is made, or
 - (b) if an election petition questioning the election or return is presented before that working day, as soon as reasonably practical following the conclusion of proceedings on the petition or on appeal from such proceedings.
- (2) In this rule "working day" means a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Eve or a public holiday".