

Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2), section 96(2)(b) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (c. 47), section 154(2)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13) and sections 18(8) and 21(6)(a) of the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (c. 25), for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No.

**REPRESENTATION OF THE
PEOPLE, NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Representation of the People (Overseas Electors
etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2023**

Made - - - -

Coming into force - - 16th January 2024

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions set out in the Schedule.

The Secretary of State has consulted—

- (a) the Electoral Commission, in accordance with section 53(5)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(1) and section 7(1) and (2)(e) and (h) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(2), and
- (b) the Information Commissioner and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate in accordance with section 53(5)(b) and (c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

A draft of these Regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament in accordance with section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(3), section 96(2)(b) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(4), section 154(2)(b) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011(5) and sections 18(8) and 21(6)(a) of the Recall of MPs Act 2015(6).

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- (1) 1983 c. 2. Section 53(5) was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6).
 - (2) 2000 c. 41. There are amendments to section 7 but none is relevant.
 - (3) Section 201(2) was substituted by paragraph 69 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and was amended by paragraphs 6(1) and 7(b) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, by section 13(2) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c. 13) and by S.I. 1991/1728. It is prospectively amended by paragraph 1(9)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Elections Act 2022 (c. 37) from a date and time to be appointed.
 - (4) 1998 c. 47. Amendments have been made to section 96, but none is relevant.
 - (5) 2011 c. 13.
 - (6) 2015 c. 25.