



Representation of the People Act 1983

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

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THE POLL

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Delivery of documents to registration officer

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Form of writ

Label or direction of writ

Endorsement

Certificate endorsed on writ

Form of notice of election

Form of nomination paper

NOTE

- 1 The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the ...
- 2 Where a candidate is commonly known by some title he ...
- 2A Where a candidate commonly uses a name which is different ...
- 2B But the ballot paper will show the other name if ...
- 3
- 4 An elector may not subscribe more than one nomination paper ...
- 5 A person whose name is entered in the register

Form of Ballot Paper

Directions as to printing the ballot paper

- 1 Nothing is to be printed on the ballot paper except ...
- 2 So far as practicable, the following arrangements shall be observed ...
- 2A The direction mentioned in paragraph 2(a) above shall be printed ...
- 2B Nothing in paragraph 2 prohibits the face of the ballot ...
- 3 The surname of each candidate shall in all cases be ...
- 3A Where an emblem is to be printed against a candidate's ...
- 4 The number and other unique identifying mark may be printed ...

Form of directions for the guidance of the voters in ...

- 1 When you are given a ballot paper go to one ...
- 2 Vote for one candidate only. Put no other mark on ...
- 3 Fold the ballot paper in two. Show the back of ...
- 4 If by mistake you spoil a ballot paper, show it ...

Form of declaration to be made by the companion of ...

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- 2B Provisions requiring registration officers to remind persons with
anonymous entries...
- 3 Provisions laying down a timetable for the preparation of the...
- 3A Provisions as to the form and contents of applications for...

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- 8 Provisions requiring the registration officer to prepare a special list...
- 8A Provisions requiring the registration officer to prepare a record of...
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- 10A Provisions requiring copies of the full register and other documents,...
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Sponsorship

- 3 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule sponsorship is provided...

Payments etc. not to be regarded as donations

- 4 (1) None of the following shall be regarded as a...

Value of donations

- 5 (1) The value of any donation falling within paragraph 2(1)(a)...

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Prohibition on accepting donations from impermissible donors

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- 7 (1) Sections 56 to 60 of the 2000 Act shall...

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Transfer of donations received by candidate to election agent

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Evasion of restrictions on donations

- 9 Section 61 of the 2000 Act shall apply for the...

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Statement of relevant donations

- 10 (1) The candidate's election agent must include in any return...

Donations from permissible donors

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SCHEDULE 4 — Election Expenses at Certain Local Elections in England and Wales

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3 Within 28 days after the day of election every candidate...
4 (1) After the expiry of the time for making the...
5 If the candidate fails to make that return and declaration...
6 The High Court, an election court or the county court...
7 (1) If the candidate applies to the High Court, an...
8 (1) The return and declaration shall be kept at the...
9 For the purposes of this Schedule— (a) the jurisdiction vested...

SCHEDULE 4A — Election expenses

Part 1 — LIST OF MATTERS

- 1 Advertising of any nature (whatever the medium used). Expenses in...
2 Unsolicited material addressed to electors (whether addressed to them by...
3 Transport (by any means) of persons to any place. Expenses...
4 Public meetings (of any kind). Expenses in respect of such...
5 The services of an election agent or any other person...
6 Accommodation and administrative costs.

Part 2 — GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

- 7 The payment of any deposit required by rule 9 of...
8 The publication of any matter, other than an advertisement, relating...
9 The provision of any facilities provided in pursuance of any...
10 The provision by an individual of his own services which...
11 (1) Accommodation which is the candidate's sole or main residence...
12 (1) Transport by a means of transport which was acquired...
13 (1) Computing or printing equipment which was acquired by the...

Part 3 — SUPPLEMENTAL

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Guidance by Commission

- 14 (1) The Electoral Commission (“ the Commission ”) may prepare,...

Power to amend Parts 1 and 2

- 15 (1) The Secretary of State may by order made by...

SCHEDULE 4B — Scottish local government elections: election expenses

Part 1 — LIST OF MATTERS

- 1 Advertising of any nature (whatever the medium used). Expenses in...
- 2 Unsolicited material addressed to electors (whether addressed to them by...
- 3 Transport (by any means) of persons to any place. Expenses...
- 4 Public meetings (of any kind). Expenses in respect of such...
- 5 The services of an election agent or any other person...
- 6 Accommodation and administrative costs.

Part 2 — GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

- 7 The publication of any matter, other than an advertisement, relating...
- 8 The provision of any facilities provided in pursuance of any...
- 9 The provision by an individual of his own services which...
- 10 (1) Accommodation which is the candidate's sole or main residence....
- 11 (1) Transport by a means of transport which was acquired...
- 12 (1) Computing or printing equipment which was acquired by the...

Part 3 — POWER TO AMEND PARTS 1 AND 2

- 13 (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order made by statutory...

SCHEDULE 5 — Use for Parliamentary Election Meetings of Rooms in School Premises and of Meeting Rooms

- 1 (1) Any arrangements for the use of a room in...
- 2 (1) Every local authority shall prepare and revise for their...
- 3 (1) Every district in the London borough council and every...
- 4 The lists of rooms in school premises and of meeting...
- 5 In the event of a dissolution, or of a vacancy...
- 5A In paragraphs 1 and 2 “local authority” has the meaning...
- 6 In the application of this Schedule to Scotland—

SCHEDULE 6 — Ward Elections in the City

- 1 Without prejudice to the application of any provision of this...
- 2 Notwithstanding anything in section 6(1) of the City Act—
- 3 Ward lists and provisional ward lists shall give for any...
- 4 Claims and objections asking for the omission, insertion or alteration...
- 5 Any power under this Act to prescribe the form of...
- 6 Nothing in this Act affects the operation of

SCHEDULE 7 — Transitional and Saving Provisions, and Interpretation of other Acts

Part I — TRANSITIONAL AND SAVING PROVISIONS

General

- 1 Where a period of time specified in an enactment repealed...
- 2 The imposition or subsistence of an incapacity is not affected...

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Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962

3

Licensing Act 1964

4 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of section 24(2) of...

Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973

5 So far as sections 8(4) and 26 of this Act...

Variation of limits of candidates' election expenses

6

Section 254 of the Local Government Act 1972

7 Any power exercisable under section 254 of the Local Government...

Criminal Justice Act 1982

8

Mental Health (Amendment) Act 1982

9

Part II — INTERPRETATION OF OTHER ACTS

Register, electors, etc.

10 (1) A reference in any Act (whenever passed) to—

Registration and returning officers

11 A reference in any Act (whenever passed) to—

Registration expenses

12 A reference in any Act (whenever passed) to registration expenses...

Supplemental

13 (1) Subject to this paragraph, the provisions of paragraphs 10...

SCHEDULE 8 — Consequential Amendments Acts

Public Meeting Act 1908

1 After subsection (3) of section 1 of the Public Meeting...

City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957

2 In section 4 of the City of London (Various Powers)...

3 In section 8 of the City of London (Various Powers)...

4 In section 9(4) of the City of London (Various Powers)...

City of London (Various Powers) Act 1960

5 In section 39 of the City of London (Various Powers)...

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London Government Act 1963

6 In Schedule 3 to the London Government Act 1963—

Licensing Act 1964

7 In section 12(2) of the Licensing Act 1964 for “section...
8 In section 67(5) of the Licensing Act 1964 for “Representation...
9 In section 67(6) of the Licensing Act 1964—
10 In Schedule 8 to the Licensing Act 1964—

Post Office Act 1969

11

Local Government Act 1972

12 In the following provisions of the Local Government Act 1972...
13 In section 89(6) of the Local Government Act 1972 for...
14 In paragraphs 18(5) and 34(5) of Schedule 12 to the...

Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

15 In the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973—
16

Juries Act 1974

17 In section 3(1) of the Juries Act 1974, for “Representation...

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975

18 In section 6(3) of the House of Commons Disqualification Act...
19

20 In Part III of Schedule 1 to the House of...

European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978

21 In section 4(2) of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978—...
22 In paragraph (b) of section 7(2) of the European Parliamentary...
23 In paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 1 to the European Parliamentary...

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

24 In paragraph (h) of section 35(2) of the Judicature (Northern...
25 In section 108(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978...

Senior Courts Act 1981

26 In section 142(1) of the Senior Courts Act 1981 ,...

Mental Health (Amendment) Act 1982

27

Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

28 In Schedule 1 to the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance...

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SCHEDULE 9 — Repeals and Revocations
Part I — REPEALS OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS
Part II — CONSEQUENTIAL REPEALS
Part III — CONSEQUENTIAL REVOCATIONS

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