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Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART V

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Supplemental

F1 199

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 199 repealed by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), ss. 22(2), 28, **Sch. 5**

VALID FROM 25/11/2002

[**F2**199A Functions of the Lord Chancellor

In this Act, except—

- (a) sections 54 and 161 above, and
- (b) rules 3(3) and 51(6) of Schedule 1 to this Act,

“the Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State or the Lord Chancellor.]

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 199A inserted (25.11.2002) by The Transfer of Functions (Transport, Local Government and the Regions) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2626), art. 20, **Sch. 2 para. 10**

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[^{F3}199B Translations etc of certain documents

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) below apply to any document which under or by virtue of this Act is required or authorised to be given to voters or displayed in any place for the purposes of a parliamentary or local government election.
- (2) The person who is required or authorised to give or display the document must, as he thinks appropriate, give or display or otherwise make available in such form as he thinks appropriate—
 - (a) the document in Braille;
 - (b) the document in languages other than English;
 - (c) graphical representations of the information contained in the document;
 - (d) other means of making the information contained in the document accessible to persons who might not otherwise have reasonable access to the information.
- (3) The person required or authorised to give or display the document must also, as he thinks appropriate, make available the information contained in the document in such audible form as he thinks appropriate.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) above do not apply to—
 - (a) the nomination paper;
 - (b) the ballot paper.
- (5) The returning officer at a parliamentary election or a local government election may cause to be displayed at every polling station in the election an enlarged sample copy of the ballot paper.
- (6) The sample copy mentioned in subsection (5) above—
 - (a) in the case of a parliamentary election or a local government election where only one candidate is to be elected, must have printed the words “VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY” both at the top and immediately below the list of candidates,
 - (b) in the case of a local government election where more than one candidate is to be elected, must have printed the words “VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN *[here insert the maximum number of candidates to be elected]* CANDIDATES” both at the top and immediately below the list of candidates, and
 - (c) in each case, below the second occurrence of those words, may include a translation of those words into such other languages as the returning officer thinks appropriate.
- (7) The returning officer at a parliamentary election or a local government election must provide at every polling station in the election an enlarged hand-held sample copy of the ballot paper for the assistance of voters who are partially sighted.
- (8) The sample copy mentioned in subsection (7) above must be clearly marked as a specimen provided only for the guidance of voters.

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(9) In the application of subsection (2)(b) to Northern Ireland any question as to whether a person is to give or display or otherwise make available a document in a language other than English is to be decided by the returning officer.

(10) This section does not apply to a local government election in Scotland.]

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 199B inserted (1.1.2007 for E.W.S. and 1.7.2008 for N.I) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006](#) (c. 22), **ss. 36, 77**; S.I. 2006/3412, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 14(q) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4, Sch. 2); S.I. 2008/1316, **arts 2, 4**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 199B applied (with modifications) (E.) (28.7.2007) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/2089), **regs. 8, 11, 13**, {Sch. 4 Table 1}
- C2** S. 199B applied (with modifications) (W.) (24.7.2008) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/1848), **reg. 8**, {Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 1}
- C3** S. 199B applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, **arts. 1(2), 3**, **Sch. 1**)

VALID FROM 17/02/2007

[^{F4}199C Scottish local government elections: translations etc. of certain documents

- (1) Subsections (2) and (3) below apply to any document which, under or by virtue of this Act, is required or authorised to be given to voters or displayed in any place for the purposes of a local government election in Scotland.
- (2) The person who is required or authorised to give or display the document must, as he thinks appropriate, also give or display or otherwise make available in such form as he thinks appropriate—
- the document in Braille;
 - the document in languages other than English;
 - graphical representations of the information contained in the document;
 - other means of making the information contained in the document accessible to persons who might not otherwise have reasonable access to the information.
- (3) The person required or authorised to give or display the document must also, as he thinks appropriate, make available the information contained in the document in such audible form as he thinks appropriate.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) above do not apply to—
- the nomination paper; or
 - the ballot paper.]

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Textual Amendments

- F4** S. 199C inserted (S.) (17.2.2007) by [Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 14\)](#), **ss. 31**, 63; S.S.I. 2007/26, **art. 3(1)(f)** (with art. 3(2))

200 Public notices, and declarations.

- [^{F5}(1) A public notice required by or under this Act to be given by a returning officer for a parliamentary election shall be given by posting the notice in some conspicuous place or places in the constituency and may also be given in such other manner as he thinks desirable for publicising it.
- (1A) A public notice required by or under this Act to be given by the proper officer of a local authority at a local government election shall be given by posting the notice in some conspicuous place or places in the local government area and may also be given in such other manner as he thinks desirable for publicising it.]
- (2) Any person before whom a declaration is authorised to be made under this Act may take the declaration.

Textual Amendments

- F5** S. 200(1)(1A) substituted for s. 200(1) by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 24, **Sch. 4 para. 68**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4** S. 200 applied (N.I.) by S.I. 1986/2250, regs. 2, 3, 5, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C5** S. 200 applied (E.W.S.) by S.I. 1986/2209, regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)–(8), **Sch. 1 Pt. 1**
- C6** S. 200 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by S.I. 2001/2599, art. 3, **Sch. 1** (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, arts. 1(2), 3, **Sch. 1**)
- C7** S. 200 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by S.I. 1996/1220, art. 3(1)(b)(5)–(8), **Sch. 1**
S. 200 applied (N.I.) (25.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/1126, art. 6, **Sch. 2**
S. 200 applied (with modifications) (23.7.2004) by [The Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1962\)](#), art. 6(2), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
- C8** S. 200(1)(2) applied (with modifications) (31.7.1997) by 1997 c. 61, s. 3, **Sch. 3 para. 13** Table 1
S. 200(1)(2) applied (with modifications) (E.) (2.4.2001) by 2001/1298, reg. 8(1), **Sch. 3** Table 2 (with reg. 10(4))
S. 200(1)(2) applied (W.) (24.3.2004) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/870\)](#), **reg. 8**, {**Sch. 3** Table 2} (which S.I. was revoked (24.7.2008) by S.I. 2008/1848)
- C9** S. 200(1A)(2) applied (E.) (28.7.2007) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2089\)](#), **regs. 8**, 11, 13, {**Sch. 4** Table 1}
- C10** S. 200(1A)(2) applied (with modifications) (W.) (24.7.2008) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1848\)](#), **reg. 8**, {**Sch. 4** para. 1 Table 1}

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VALID FROM 26/03/2001

[^{F6}200A Remuneration for free postal services provided under Act.

- (1) This section applies where any postal services are provided without charge by a universal service provider in pursuance of this Act.
- (2) The universal service provider shall be entitled to be remunerated for having provided the services at the rate fixed in relation to them by virtue of a scheme under section 89 of the Postal Services Act 2000.
- (3) A sum which a universal service provider is entitled to receive by virtue of this section shall be charged on, and issued out of, the Consolidated Fund.
- (4) In this section “postal services” and “universal service provider” have the same meanings as in the Postal Services Act 2000.]

Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 200A inserted (26.3.2001) by 2000 c. 26, s. 127(4), **Sch 8**, Pt. II, para. 18; S.I. 2000/2957, art. 2(3), **Sch. 3** (as amended by S.I. 2001/1148, arts. 2, 43(2), **Sch.**)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C11** S. 200A applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by S.I. 2001/2599, art. 3, **Sch. 1** (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, arts. 1(2), 3, **Sch. 1**)
- C12** S. 200A applied (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 41, s. 110, **Sch. 12 para. 1(3)(5)** (with s. 156(6)); S.I. 2001/222, art. 2, **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (subject to transitional provisions in **Sch. 1 Pt. II**)
- C13** S. 200A(2) modified (26.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1148, **art. 36**

201 Regulations.

- (1) Any power conferred by this Act to make regulations shall, except where this Act otherwise provides, be a power exercisable by the Secretary of State by statutory instrument.

[^{F7}(2) No regulations shall be made under this Act by the Secretary of State otherwise than under section 203(4) below unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.]

Textual Amendments

- F7** S. 201(2) substituted by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 24, **Sch. 4 para. 69**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C14** S. 201 extended (N.I.) (with modifications) by Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 (c. 3, SIF 42), ss. 2, 13(6), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**

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