



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART III

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Procedure on all election petitions

[^{F1}149 Penalty for corrupt withdrawal and breach of s. 148.

If a person makes any agreement or terms, or enters into any undertaking, in relation to the withdrawal of an election petition, and such agreement, terms or undertaking—

- (a) is or are for the withdrawal of the election petition in consideration of any payment, or in consideration that the seat or office should at any time be vacated, or in consideration of the withdrawal of any other election petition, or
- (b) is or are (whether lawful or unlawful) not mentioned in the affidavits referred to in section 148 above,

he shall be [^{F2}liable—

- (i) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to a fine, or to both;
- (ii) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both].]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 149 repealed in part (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 41, ss. 137, 158(2), Sch. 17 para. 5(1)(2), Sch. 22 (with ss. 156(6), 158(3)); S.I. 2001/222, art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. 1, Annex (with Sch. 1 Pt. II)
- F2** Words substituted by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 23, Sch. 3 para. 7

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 149 applied (N.I.) by S.I. 1986/2250, regs. 2, 3, 5, Sch. 1 Pt. I
- C2** S. 149 applied (E.W.S.) by S.I. 1986/2209, regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)–(8), Sch. 1 Pt. I

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| <p>C3 S. 149 applied (with modifications) (11.3.1999) by The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/787), art. 85(1)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. I</p> <p>C4 S. 149 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1220), art. 3(1)(b)(5)-(8), Sch. 1</p> |
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