



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART III

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Director of Public Prosecutions' duty to report corrupt practice

162 Member of legal and certain other professions.

[^{F1}(1)] Where a barrister, advocate, solicitor [^{F2}, authorised person] or any person who belongs to any profession the admission to which is regulated by law is reported by an election court to have been guilty of any corrupt practice in reference to an election, ^{F3} . . . —

- (a) [^{F4}the court shall] bring the matter before the Inn of Court [^{F5}Faculty of Advocates], High Court [^{F6}, tribunal or other body] having power to take cognizance of any misconduct of the person in his profession; and
- (b) the Inn of Court [^{F5}Faculty of Advocates], High Court [^{F6}, tribunal or other body] may deal with him as if the corrupt practice were misconduct by him in his profession.

[^{F7}(2) In subsection (1) “authorised person” means a person (other than a barrister or solicitor) who, for the purposes of the Legal Services Act 2007, is an authorised person in relation to an activity which constitutes a reserved legal activity (within the meaning of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 162 renumbered as s. 162(1) (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 208, 211, [Sch. 21 para. 51\(a\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with art. 9)
- F2** Words in s. 162 inserted (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 208, 211, [Sch. 21 para. 51\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with art. 9)
- F3** Words repealed by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50\)](#), s. 28, [Sch. 5](#)
- F4** Words substituted by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50\)](#), s. 24, [Sch. 4 para. 54\(a\)](#)
- F5** Words inserted by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50\)](#), s. 24, [Sch. 4 para. 54\(b\)](#)

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- F6** Words in s. 162(1) substituted (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 208, 211, **Sch. 21 para. 51(b)(ii)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 9)
- F7** S. 162(2) inserted (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 208, 211, **Sch. 21 para. 51(c)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 9)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 162 applied (E.W.S.) by [S.I. 1986/2209](#), regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)-(8), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
S. 162 applied (N.I.) by [S.I. 1986/2250](#), regs. 2, 3, 5, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
S. 162 applied (E.) (28.7.2007) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2089\)](#), reg. 15, **Sch. 16**
- C2** S. 162 applied (with modifications) (11.3.1999) by [S.I. 1999/787](#), art. 85(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. I** (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [S.I. 2002/2779](#), **arts. 1, 2**)
S. 162 applied (with modifications) (2.4.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1298](#), reg. 19(8), **Sch. 6**
S. 162 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**)
S. 162 applied (with modifications) (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2779\)](#), arts. 1, 81, **Sch. 6 Pt. I**
S. 162 applied (W.) (24.3.2004) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/870\)](#), reg. 15(8), **Sch. 5** (which S.I. was revoked (24.7.2008) by [S.I. 2008/1848](#))
S. 162 applied (with modifications) (15.3.2007 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/937\)](#), arts. 1, 83, **Sch. 6 Pt. I**
- C3** S. 162 applied (W.) (24.7.2008) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1848\)](#), reg. 11, **Sch. 5**
- C4** S. 162 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2999\)](#), arts. 1(1), 84(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2)(3))
- C5** S. 162 applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (9.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\)\(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/323\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6**
- C6** S. 162 applied (with modifications) (18.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Council Tax Increases\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/444\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6** (with reg. 27)

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