



# Representation of the People Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 2

### PART I

#### PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE AND ITS EXERCISE

##### *Supplemental provisions as to parliamentary and local government elections*

#### **53 Power to make regulations as to registration etc.**

(1) Provision may be made by regulations—

(a) with respect to the form of the register of electors and of <sup>F1</sup>. . . any special lists or records required by this Act in connection with the register or with any election;

[<sup>F2</sup>(b) with respect to—

(i) the procedure to be followed in the preparation of the register and the place and manner of its publication, and

(ii) the procedure to be followed in the preparation of any such special lists or records, and the time, place and manner of their publication; and]

(c) generally with respect to any matters incidental to the provisions of this Act so far as those provisions relate to the registration of electors or to voting by post or proxy.

<sup>F3</sup>(2) . . . . .

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of [<sup>F4</sup>subsection (1)] above, regulations made with respect to the matters mentioned in [<sup>F4</sup>that subsection] may contain any such provisions as are mentioned in Schedule 2 to this Act.

[<sup>F5</sup>(4) Provision may also be made by regulations—

(a) for the supply of any such record or special list as is mentioned in subsection (1) above to such persons as are prescribed;

(b) with respect to any conditions subject to which the supply is made;

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- (c) making it an offence (punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale) for a person to fail to comply with any such condition.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 53(1)(a) repealed (29.1.2001 for certain purposes and 16.2.2001 otherwise) by 2000 c. 2, ss. 8(a), Sch. 1 para. 13(a), 15(1), **Sch. 7 Pt. I**; S.I. 2001/116, **art. 2(1)(2)** (with art. 2(4))
- F2** S. 53(1)(b) substituted (29.1.2001 for certain purposes and 16.2.2001 otherwise) by 2000 c. 2, s. 8(a), **Sch. 1 para. 13(b)**; S.I. 2001/116, **art. 2(1)(2)** (with art. 2(4))
- F3** S. 53(2) repealed by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 28, **Sch. 5**
- F4** Words substituted by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 24, **Sch. 4 para. 13(b)**
- F5** S. 53(4) inserted (1.1.2007 for E.W.S. and 14.5.2008 for N.I.) by Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), ss. 74(1), 77, **Sch. 1 para. 109**; S.I. 2006/3412, **art. 3**, Sch. 1 para. 14(aa)(bb)(v) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 6, Sch. 2); S.I. 2008/1316, **arts. 2, 3**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 53 extended (N.I.) (with modifications) by Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 (c. 3, SIF 42), ss. 2, 13(6), **Sch. 1 Pt. I** (as amended (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 2, s. 8, **Sch. 3 para. 3(6)**; S.I. 2001/116, **art. 2(1)** (with art. 2(3)-(5)))
- C2** S. 53(1)(c) amended (N.I.) (16.2.1987) by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 10, **Sch. 1 para. 25**; S.I. 1986/1080

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