



# Representation of the People Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 2

### PART I

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

##### *Offences*

VALID FROM 29/01/2007

**[<sup>F1</sup>65B Scottish local government elections: false information in nomination papers etc.**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a local government election in Scotland.
- (2) A person is guilty of a corrupt practice if he causes or permits to be included in a document delivered or otherwise furnished to a returning officer for use in connection with the election—
  - (a) a statement of the name or home address of a candidate at the election which he knows to be false in any particular; or
  - (b) anything which purports to be the signature of an elector who proposes, seconds or assents to the nomination of such a candidate but which he knows—
    - (i) was not written by the elector by whom it purports to have been written; or
    - (ii) if written by that elector, was not written by him for the purpose of signifying that he was proposing, seconding or, as the case may be, assenting to that candidate's nomination.
- (3) A person is guilty of a corrupt practice if he makes in any document in which he gives his consent to his nomination as a candidate at the election—
  - (a) a statement of his date of birth; or
  - (b) a statement as to his qualification for being elected at the election,

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which he knows to be false in any particular.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3) above, a statement as to a candidate's qualification is a statement—

- (a) that he is qualified for being elected;
- (b) that he will be qualified for being elected; or
- (c) that to the best of his knowledge and belief he is not disqualified for being elected.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 65B inserted (S.) (29.1.2007) by Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14), ss. 13, 63; S.S.I. 2007/26, art. 2(1)(b)

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