

# Representation of the People Act 1983

## **1983 CHAPTER 2**

## PART II

#### THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

#### The election agent

### 70 Effect of default in election agent's appointment

- (1) If no person's name and address is given as required by section 67 above as the election agent of a candidate who remains validly nominated at the latest time for delivery of notices of withdrawals, the candidate shall be deemed at that time to have named himself as election agent and to have revoked any appointment of another person as his election agent.
- (2) If—
  - (a) the person whose name and address have been so given as those of the candidate's election agent (not being the candidate himself) dies, and
  - (b) a new appointment is not made on the day of the death or on the following day,

the candidate shall be deemed to have appointed himself as from the time of death.

- (3) If the appointment of a candidate's election agent is revoked without a new appointment being made, the candidate himself shall be deemed to have been appointed (or re-appointed) election agent.
- (4) Where a candidate is by virtue of this section to be treated as his own election agent, he shall be deemed to have his office—
  - (a) at his address as given in the statement as to persons nominated; or
  - (b) if that address is outside the permitted area for the office, at the qualifying address of the person (or first person) named in that statement as his proposer.
- (5) Where in a local government election in Scotland a candidate is by virtue of this section to be treated as his own election agent, he shall be deemed to have his office—
  - (a) at his address as given in his nomination paper or papers, or

- (b) if that address is outside the permitted area for the office, at the address of the person named as the proposer of the candidate in the nomination paper first delivered in which the address of the proposer is in the local government area.
- (6) The appropriate officer on being satisfied that a candidate is by virtue of this section to be treated as his own election agent, shall forthwith proceed to publish the like notice as if the name and address of the candidate and the address of his office had been duly given to him under sections 67 and 69 above.