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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 6

Section 41(3).

#### STANDING ORDERS: FURTHER PROVISION

##### *Preservation of order*

- 1 (1) The standing orders shall include provision for preserving order in the proceedings of the Assembly, including provision for—
- (a) preventing conduct which would constitute a criminal offence or contempt of court; and
  - (b) a sub judice rule.
- (2) Such provision may provide for excluding a member of the Assembly from proceedings and for withdrawing his rights and privileges as a member for the period of his exclusion.

##### *Proceedings to be in public*

- 2 (1) The standing orders shall include provision requiring the proceedings of the Assembly to be held in public, except in such circumstances as the standing orders may provide.
- (2) The standing orders may include provision as to the conditions to be complied with by any member of the public attending the proceedings, including provision for excluding from the proceedings any member of the public who does not comply with those conditions.

##### *Reporting and publishing proceedings*

- 3 The standing orders shall include provision for reporting the proceedings of the Assembly and for publishing the reports.

##### *Committees*

- 4 (1) The standing orders shall include provision for ensuring that, in appointing members to committees, regard is had to the balance of parties in the Assembly.
- (2) The standing orders may include provision for excluding from the proceedings of a committee a member of the Assembly who is not a member of the committee.

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*[<sup>F1</sup>Votes in vacancy*

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Sch. 6 para. 5 and preceding cross-heading inserted (8.5.2007) by Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2006 (c. 53), ss. 17, 27(4)(5) (as amended by Northern Ireland (St Andrews Agreement) Act 2007 (c. 4), s. 1(1)) (with s. 1(3)); S.I. 2007/1397, art. 2

- 5 The standing orders may include provision enabling a right to vote in the Assembly which could have been exercised but for a vacancy in the membership of the Assembly to be exercisable in such manner as is so provided.]

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