



Representation of the People Act 2000

CHAPTER 2

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- 1 New system of electoral registration.

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- 2 Disfranchisement of offenders detained in mental hospitals.

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- 5 Residence: persons remanded in custody etc.
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Introductory

- 1 The 1983 Act is amended as follows.

Residence

- 2 In section 6 (residence: merchant seamen), for “sections 1 and...

Registers of electors

- 3 For section 9 substitute— Registers of electors. (1) Each registration officer shall maintain— (a) a register of...

Maintenance of registers

- 4 For section 10 substitute— Maintenance of registers: annual canvass. (1) Each registration officer shall conduct an annual canvass in...
- 5 Omit— (a) section 11 (correction of registers), and

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Publication of registers

- 6 For section 13 substitute— Publication of registers. (1) Following the conclusion of the canvass conducted by a...

Service declarations

- 7 In section 14 (service qualification), in subsection (2), for “section...
8 (1) Section 15 (service declaration) is amended as follows.
9 In section 16, omit the following— (a) in paragraph (b),...
10 In section 17 (effect of service declaration), for subsection (1)...

Polling districts

- 11 In section 18 (polling districts and places for parliamentary elections),...

Effect of registers

- 12 (1) Section 49 (effect of registers) is amended as follows....

Regulations about registration

- 13 In section 53(1) (regulations about registration)— (a) in paragraph (a),...

Registration appeals: England and Wales

- 14 (1) Section 56 (registration appeals: England and Wales) is amended...

Registration appeals: Northern Ireland

- 15 For section 58 substitute— Registration appeals: Northern Ireland. (1) Section 56 above, except subsection (2) and the words...

Service voters

- 16 In section 59(2) (supplemental provisions as to members of forces...

Offences

- 17 In section 62 (offences as to declarations), for subsection (1)...

Election expenses

- 18 (1) Section 76 (limitation of election expenses) is amended as...

Election addresses

- 19 In section 91 (candidate’s right to send election address post-free),...

Evidence of registration

- 20 After section 180 insert— Evidence by certificate of electoral registration....

Regulations under the Act

- 21 In section 201 (regulations), after subsection (2) add—

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Interpretation

- 22 In section 202(1) (general interpretation)— (a) for the definition of...

Parliamentary elections rules

- 23 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows....

Content of regulations as to registration

- 24 (1) Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...

SCHEDULE 2 — Registration: overseas electors

Introductory

- 1 The Representation of the People Act 1985 is amended as...

Franchise for parliamentary elections

- 2 For section 1 substitute— Extension of parliamentary franchise. (1) A person is entitled to vote as an elector...

Registration of overseas electors

- 3 For section 2 substitute— Registration of British citizens overseas. (1) A person is entitled to be registered in a...

Franchise for European Parliamentary elections

- 4 For section 3 substitute— Extension of franchise for European Parliamentary...

SCHEDULE 3 — Registration: local elections in Northern Ireland

Introductory

- 1 The Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 is amended as...

Registration of electors

- 2 In section 1 (local electors in Northern Ireland), for subsections...

Application of provisions of 1983 Act

- 3 (1) Part I of Schedule 1 (application of provisions of...

Modification of provisions of 1983 Act

- 4 (1) Part II of Schedule 1 (modification of provisions of...

SCHEDULE 4 — Absent voting in Great Britain

Interpretation

- 1 Absent voting in Great Britain

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Manner of voting at parliamentary or local government elections

2 (1) This paragraph applies to determine the manner of voting...

Absent vote at elections for definite or indefinite period

3 (1) Where a person applies to the registration officer to...

Absent vote at particular election

4 (1) Where a person applies to the registration officer to...

Absent voters list

5 (1) The registration officer shall, in respect of each parliamentary...

Proxies at elections

6 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, any person...

Voting as proxy

7 (1) A person entitled to vote as proxy at a...

Provision of fresh signatures

7A (1) A person who remains on the record kept under...

7B Regulations may make provision as to— (a) circumstances in which...

Use of personal identifier information

7C The registration officer must either — (a) provide the returning...

7D Information contained in records kept by a registration officer in...

Offences

8 A person who— (a) in any declaration or form used...

SCHEDULE 5 — Free delivery of election addresses at first GLA mayoral election:
New Schedule 3A to the Greater London Authority Act 1999

SCHEDULE 6 — Minor and consequential amendments

City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 (c. x)

1 (1) Section 8 of the City of London (Various Powers)...

European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 (c. 10)

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The 1983 Act

3 The 1983 Act is amended as follows.

4 In section 29(4C) (orders governing charges by returning officers), at...

5 After section 65 insert— False statements in nomination papers etc....

6 After section 66 insert— Prohibition on publication of exit polls....

7 In section 95(7) (schools for parliamentary election meetings not to...

8 In section 108(4) (premises not to be used as committee...

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- 9 In section 202(1) (general interpretation)— (a) in the definition of...
- 10 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows....
- 11 (1) Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...

Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50)

- 12 The Representation of the People Act 1985 is amended as...
- 13 (1) Section 5 (manner of voting) is amended as follows....
- 14 (1) Section 6 (absent vote at elections for an indefinite...
- 15 (1) Section 7 (absent vote at a particular election and...
- 16 (1) Section 8 (proxies at elections) is amended as follows....
- 17 (1) Section 9 (voting as proxy) is amended as follows....
- 18 In section 27(2) (application of provisions of 1983 Act)—

Finance Act 1996 (c. 8)

- 19 In section 200 of the Finance Act 1996 (domicile for...

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

Part I — REPEALS EXTENDING TO WHOLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Part II — REPEALS EXTENDING TO ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

Part III — REPEALS EXTENDING TO NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY

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