

# Representation of the People Act 2000

## **CHAPTER 2**

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1 New system of electoral registration

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## **SCHEDULES**

SCHEDULE 1 — Registration: amendments of 1983 Act

## *Introductory*

1 The 1983 Act is amended as follows.

#### Residence

In section 6 (residence: merchant seamen), for "sections 1 and...

## Registers of electors

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

## 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

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—

## *Interpretation*

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

## 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 (1) In this Schedule— "the absent voters list" means the...

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...

#### 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)

2 (1) Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the European Parliamentary...

#### 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...
- 9 In section 202(1) (general interpretation)— (a) in the definition of 'the...
- 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

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Part II — REPEALS EXTENDING TO ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

Part III — REPEALS EXTENDING TO NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY