

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 4

#### ABSENT VOTING IN GREAT BRITAIN

##### *Manner of voting at parliamentary or local government elections*

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies to determine the manner of voting of a person entitled to vote as an elector at a parliamentary or local government election.
- (2) He may vote in person at the polling station allotted to him under the appropriate rules, unless he is entitled as an elector to an absent vote at the election.
- (3) He may vote by post if he is entitled as an elector to vote by post at the election.
- (4) If he is entitled to vote by proxy at the election, he may so vote unless, before a ballot paper has been issued for him to vote by proxy, he applies at the polling station allotted to him under the appropriate rules for a ballot paper for the purpose of voting in person, in which case he may vote in person there.
- (5) If—
- (a) he is not entitled as an elector to an absent vote at the election, but
  - (b) he cannot reasonably be expected to go in person to the polling station allotted to him under the appropriate rules by reason of the particular circumstances of his employment, either as a constable or by the returning officer, on the date of the poll for a purpose connected with the election,
- he may vote in person at any polling station in the constituency or, as the case may be, electoral area.
- (6) Nothing in the preceding provisions of this paragraph applies to—
- (a) a person to whom section 7 of the 1983 Act (mental patients who are not detained offenders) applies and who is liable, by virtue of any enactment, to be detained in the mental hospital in question, or
  - (b) a person to whom section 7A of that Act (persons remanded in custody) applies,
- whether he is registered by virtue of that provision or not; and such a person may only vote by post or by proxy (where he is entitled as an elector to vote by post or, as the case may be, by proxy at the election).
- (7) For the purposes of the provisions of—
- (a) this Schedule, and
  - (b) the 1983 Act so far as it has effect in relation to England, Wales and Scotland,
- a person entitled to vote as an elector at a parliamentary or local government election is entitled as an elector to vote by post or entitled to vote by proxy at the election if he is shown in the absent voters list for the election as so entitled; and references in those provisions to entitlement as an elector to an absent vote at a parliamentary or

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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local government election are references to entitlement as an elector to vote by post or entitlement to vote by proxy at the election.