



# Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 41

### PART IV

CONTROL OF DONATIONS TO REGISTERED PARTIES AND THEIR MEMBERS ETC.

### [<sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER 6

SPECIAL PROVISION IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN IRELAND

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Pt. 4 Ch. 6 inserted (1.11.2007) by [Northern Ireland \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 33\)](#), ss. 10(2)(b), 12, 31(2)

#### 71A Introduction

- (1) The following provisions have effect for the interpretation of this Chapter.
- (2) “Northern Ireland recipient” means—
  - (a) a party registered in the Northern Ireland register, or
  - (b) a regulated donee who is—
    - (i) an individual ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland, or
    - (ii) a members association wholly or mainly consisting of members of a Northern Ireland party.
- (3) “Regulated donee” and “members association” have the same meaning as in Schedule 7.
- (4) “Prescribed” means prescribed by an order made by the Secretary of State after consulting the Commission.

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## **71B Extension of categories of permissible donors in relation to Northern Ireland recipients**

- (1) In relation to a donation to a Northern Ireland recipient, section 54(2) has effect as if the following were also permissible donors—
  - (a) an Irish citizen in relation to whom any prescribed conditions are met;
  - (b) a body which is of a prescribed description or category and in relation to which any prescribed conditions are met.
- (2) A description or category of body must not be prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) unless the Secretary of State is satisfied that a body of that description or category would be entitled under Irish law to donate to an Irish political party.
- (3) In relation to a donation in the form of a bequest subsection (1)(a) is to be read as referring to an individual—
  - (a) who at any time within the period of five years ending with the date of his death was an Irish citizen, and
  - (b) in relation to whom, at the time of his death, any prescribed conditions were met.

## **71C Northern Ireland recipients not permissible donors in relation to Great Britain**

- (1) In relation to a donation received by—
  - (a) a registered party which is registered in the Great Britain register, or
  - (b) a regulated donee resident or carrying on activities in Great Britain,
 section 54(2) has effect as if it did not include a party registered in the Northern Ireland register.
- (2) The reference in subsection (1)(b) to Great Britain includes the combined region.

## **<sup>F2</sup>71D Duty to verify donation reports**

- (1) The Commission must take such steps as are prescribed for the purpose of verifying the information given in Northern Ireland reports.
- (2) “Northern Ireland report” means a report to the Commission which—
  - (a) is prepared by a Northern Ireland recipient, and
  - (b) contains, or purports to contain, information required to be given by Schedule 6 or 7.

### **Textual Amendments**

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## **71E Duty not to disclose contents of donation reports**

- (1) A person who is or has been a member or employee of the Commission must not disclose any information which—

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- (a) relates to a donation received by a Northern Ireland recipient, and
  - (b) has been obtained by the Commission in the exercise of their functions under this Part,
- except in the following cases.
- (2) Such information may be disclosed, for the purpose of verifying information given in a Northern Ireland report,—
    - (a) to a member or employee of the Commission, or
    - (b) to such bodies as may be prescribed.
  - (3) Such information may be disclosed for the purposes of any criminal or civil proceedings.
  - (4) Such information may be disclosed in accordance with any prescribed requirements if it relates to a donation which the Commission believe, on reasonable grounds, was a donation required to be dealt with in accordance with section 56(2) (donations from impermissible and unidentifiable donors).
  - (5) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.]]

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