



Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 41

PART IV

CONTROL OF DONATIONS TO REGISTERED PARTIES AND THEIR MEMBERS ETC.

CHAPTER III

REPORTING OF DONATIONS TO REGISTERED PARTIES

Reports to be made by registered parties

65 Submission of donation reports to Commission

- (1) A donation report under section 62 shall be delivered to the Commission by the treasurer of the party in question within the period of 30 days beginning with the end of the reporting period to which it relates.
- (2) A donation report under section 63 shall be delivered to the Commission by the treasurer of the party in question—
 - (a) within the period of 7 days beginning with the end of the reporting period to which it relates; or
 - (b) (if that is not possible in the case of any party to which section 63(1) applies by virtue of section 64(5)) within the period of 7 days beginning with the first day on which the party has a candidate at the election in question.
- (3) The treasurer of a registered party commits an offence if he fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (1) or (2) in relation to a donation report.
- (4) The treasurer of a registered party also commits an offence if he delivers a donation report to the Commission which does not comply with any requirements of this Part as regards the recording of donations in such a report.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) Where a person is charged with an offence under this section, it shall be a defence to prove that he took all reasonable steps, and exercised all due diligence, to ensure that any such requirements were complied with in relation to donations received by the party during the relevant reporting period.
- (6) Where the court is satisfied, on an application made by the Commission, that any failure to comply with any such requirements in relation to any donation to a registered party was attributable to an intention on the part of any person to conceal the existence or true amount of the donation, the court may order the forfeiture by the party of an amount equal to the value of the donation.
- (7) The following provisions, namely—
- (a) subsections (3) to (5) of section 58, and
 - (b) sections 59 and 60,
- shall apply for the purposes, or in connection with the operation, of subsection (6) above as they apply for the purposes, or in connection with the operation, of section 58.
- (8) Section 64(9) applies for the purposes of this section.