



European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 24

General elections

2 Voting system in Great Britain [^{F1}and Gibraltar]

- (1) The system of election of MEPs in an electoral region [^{F2}other than Northern Ireland] is to be a regional list system.
- (2) The Secretary of State must by regulations—
 - (a) make provision for the nomination of registered parties in relation to an election in such a region, and
 - (b) require a nomination under paragraph (a) to be accompanied by a list of candidates numbering no more than the MEPs to be elected for the region.
- (3) The system of election must comply with the following conditions.
- (4) A vote may be cast for a registered party or an individual candidate named on the ballot paper.
- (5) The first seat is to be allocated to the party or individual candidate with the greatest number of votes.
- (6) The second and subsequent seats are to be allocated in the same way, except that the number of votes given to a party to which one or more seats have already been allocated are to be divided by the number of seats allocated plus one.
- (7) In allocating the second or any subsequent seat there are to be disregarded any votes given to—
 - (a) a party to which there has already been allocated a number of seats equal to the number of names on the party's list of candidates, and
 - (b) an individual candidate to whom a seat has already been allocated.
- (8) Seats allocated to a party are to be filled by the persons named on the party's list of candidates in the order in which they appear on that list.

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- (9) For the purposes of subsection (6) fractions are to be taken into account.
- (10) In this section “registered party” means a party registered under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 2 heading inserted (5.2.2004) by [The European Parliamentary Elections \(Combined Region and Campaign Expenditure\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/366\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(3)(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 2(1) substituted (5.2.2004) by [The European Parliamentary Elections \(Combined Region and Campaign Expenditure\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/366\)](#), arts. 1(2), **3(3)(b)**

3 Voting system in Northern Ireland

The system of election of MEPs in Northern Ireland is to be a single transferable vote system under which—

- (a) a vote is capable of being given so as to indicate the voter’s order of preference for the candidates, and
- (b) a vote is capable of being transferred to the next choice—
 - (i) when the vote is not required to give a prior choice the necessary quota of votes, or
 - (ii) when, owing to the deficiency in the number of votes given for a prior choice, that choice is eliminated from the list of candidates.

4 Date of elections

The poll at each general election of MEPs is to be held on a day appointed by order of the Secretary of State.

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