



Local Government Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 26

PART 4

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Miscellaneous

55 Regulations about ballots

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in relation to ballots.
- (2) The provision which may be made by regulations under this section includes provision—
 - (a) as to the timing of ballots;
 - (b) as to the non-domestic ratepayers entitled to vote in a ballot;
 - (c) as to the question to be asked in a ballot;
 - (d) as to the form that ballots may take;
 - (e) as to the persons who are to hold ballots;
 - (f) as to the conduct of ballots;
 - (g) conferring power on the Secretary of State to declare ballots void in cases of material irregularity;
 - (h) for or in connection with enabling a billing authority to recover the costs of a ballot from such persons and in such circumstances as may be prescribed.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (2) is to be taken as limiting the power conferred by subsection (1).
- (4) No regulations under subsection (1) which include provision of the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(b) shall be made by the Secretary of State unless a draft of the statutory instrument containing the regulations (whether containing them alone or with other provisions) has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (5) In this section “ballot” means a ballot held for the purposes of section 49(1) or 54(2).