



Political Parties and Elections Act 2009

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POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTIONS ACT 2009

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- 1 (1) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the 2000...
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- 4 (1) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 11 to the 2000...
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- 7 (1) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 15 to the 2000...
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10 In Schedule 20 (penalties) the following entries are inserted at...

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- 1 (1) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the 2000...

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- 2 In paragraph 8 of that Schedule (acceptance or return of...
3 (1) Paragraph 10 of that Schedule (donation reports: donations from...

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- 4 (1) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 11 to the 2000...
5 In paragraph 7 of that Schedule (acceptance or return of...
6 In paragraph 9A of that Schedule (inserted by Schedule 3...

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- 7 (1) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 15 to the 2000...
8 In paragraph 7 of that Schedule (acceptance or return of...
9 In paragraph 9A of that Schedule (inserted by Schedule 3...

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- 10 In Schedule 20 (penalties) the following entries are inserted at...

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- 1 (1) Section 10A (maintenance of registers: registration of electors) is...
2 In section 13 (publication of registers), in subsection (5)(b), for...
3 In section 13A (alteration of registers), in subsection (5), for...
4 In section 65A (false statements in nomination papers etc), in...
5 (1) Section 70 (effect of default in election agent's appointment)...
6 In section 76A (power to vary provisions about election expenses),...
7 In section 90ZA (meaning of “election expenses”), for subsection (5)...
8 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows....

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- 9 In section 1 (establishment of the Electoral Commission), in subsection...
10 In section 3 (appointment of Electoral Commissioners and Commission chairman),...
11 In section 15 (Deputy Electoral Commissioners), in subsection (3) (Deputy...
12 In section 54 (permissible donors), in subsection (1)(b), for “that...
13 (1) In section 55 (payments etc which are (or are...
14 In section 56 (acceptance or return of donations: general), in...
15 In section 58 (forfeiture of donations made by impermissible or...
16 In section 62 (quarterly donation reports), in subsection (9) (donation...
17 In section 65 (submission of donation reports to Commission), in...
18 In section 67 (weekly donation reports in connection with elections...
19 In section 71H (authorised participants), after subsection (3) there is...
20 In section 71U (weekly donation reports in connection with elections...
21 In the heading to Part 9, after “companies” there is...
22 In section 145 (function of Commission with respect to compliance...
23 In section 148 (general offences), in subsection (1) (offence of...

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- 24 In section 149 (inspection of Commission's registers etc), in subsection...
- 25 In section 156 (orders and regulations), in subsection (2), for...
- 26 In section 160 (general interpretation), in subsection (1) (definitions), at...
- 27 (1) Schedule 1 (the Electoral Commission) is amended as follows....
- 28 (1) Schedule 7 (control of donations to individuals and members...
- 29 (1) Schedule 11 (control of donations to recognised third parties)...
- 30 (1) Schedule 15 (control of donations to permitted participants) is...
- 31 In Schedule 20 (penalties), in the entry for section 56(3)...

SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

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