

1983 No. 1151**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE****The Parish and Community Meetings (Polls)
(Amendment) Rules 1983***Made* - - - - - 27th July 1983*Laid before Parliament* 5th August 1983*Coming into Operation* 1st September 1983

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by paragraph 18(5) of Part III of, and paragraph 34(5) of Part V of, Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972(a), I hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) (Amendment) Rules 1983.

(2) These Rules shall come into operation on 1st September 1983, except that paragraphs (2), (3), (5) and (6) of Rule 4 shall not apply to any poll notice which is published before the coming into operation of these Rules.

2. Rule 4 of the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules 1973(b) shall be amended as follows:—

- (a) for “Representation of the People Act 1949” there shall be substituted “Representation of the People Act 1983”;
- (b) for “section 165(1)” there shall be substituted “section 187(1)”;
- (c) for “section 53” there shall be substituted “section 66”;
- (d) for the sections cited in paragraph (a) there shall be substituted “sections 60, 113, 114, 115, 168, 173 (except paragraph (b) thereof), 176, 179, 180, 181 and 186”;
- (e) in paragraph (c) for “section 115(7)” there shall be substituted “section 130(6)”;
- (f) in paragraph (d) for “sections 47(2), 86(1) and 87(1)” there shall be substituted “sections 60(2), 99(1) and 100(1)”;
- (g) in paragraph (e) for “section 119(2)(b)” there shall be substituted “section 136(2)(b)”.

(a) 1972 c. 70; those paragraphs were amended by paragraph 14 of Schedule 8 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

(b) S.I. 1973/1911, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Rules.

3. In Rule 5 of the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules 1973 for “section 53 of the Representation of the People Act 1949” there shall be substituted “section 66 of the Representation of the People Act 1983”.

4.—(1) The rules in the Schedule to the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules 1973 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In rule 2(1) after the words “The Timetable a” there shall be inserted “Saturday,”.

(3) At the end of rule 2 there shall be added the following paragraph:—
“(3) In this rule “weekday” does not include a Saturday.”.

(4) At the end of rule 15(1) there shall be added the words “but the constables on duty at polling stations or at the counting of the votes shall not be required to make the declaration of secrecy.”.

(5) Rule 22(1)(b) shall be omitted.

(6) In rule 27(1)(f) the word “Jews” shall be omitted.

Home Office.
27th July 1983.

Leon Brittan,
One of Her Majesty’s Principal
Secretaries of State.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules 1973. The principal change is to exclude Saturdays from the computation of time for the purposes of the election timetable (rule 4(2), (3), (5) and (6)).

These Rules also make amendments consequential on the consolidation of the Representation of the People Acts by the Representation of the People Act 1983 (rules 2 and 3). Rule 4(4) inserts a provision which expressly states that constables on duty at polling stations or at the counting of the votes are not required to make the declaration of secrecy.

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