S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

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REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1986

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - - 1st March 1986

Coming into Operation 2nd March 1986

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament:

And whereas in my opinion there has been a change in the value of money since 12th March 1982 justifying the variations made by this Order:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sections 76A(1) and 197(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on the day after the day on which it is made.
 - (2) Articles 4 and 5 of this Order do not extend to Northern Ireland.
- (3) In this Order "the Act of 1983" means the Representation of the People Act 1983.
- 2. The maximum amount of a candidate's election expenses at a parliamentary election in a county constituency shall be varied by substituting, for the words "£2,700" and "3.1p" in section 76(2)(a)(i) of the Act of 1983, the words "£3,240" and "3.7p", respectively.
- 3. The maximum amount of a candidate's election expenses at a parliamentary election in a borough constituency shall be varied by substituting, for the words "£2,700" and "2.3p" in section 76(2)(a)(ii) of the Act of 1983, the words "£3,240" and "2.8p", respectively.

⁽a) 1983 c. 2; section 76A was inserted by section 14(4) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and section 197(3) was amended by paragraph 67(b) of Schedule 4 to that Act.

- **4.** The maximum amount of a candidate's election expenses at a local government election to which section 76(2)(b)(ii) of the Act of 1983 applies shall be varied by substituting, for the words "£120" and "2.4p" in that provision, the words "£144" and "2.9p", respectively.
- 5. The maximum amount of a candidate's election expenses at a ward election in the City of London shall be varied by substituting, for the words "£120" and "2.4p" in section 197(1) of the Act of 1983, the words "£144" and "2.9p", respectively.

Home Office.

Douglas Hurd,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

1st March 1986.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases the maximum amount of candidates' election expenses at parliamentary elections in the United Kingdom, local government elections in Great Britain (other than elections to the Greater London Council and the Inner London Education Authority) and ward elections in the City of London. The increases are such as are justified by the change in the value of money since the last occasion on which those maximum amounts were changed. By virtue of the transitional provision in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7 to the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended by paragraph 90(a) of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985), that last occasion was 12th March 1982 when the Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/363) came into operation.

The maximum amount of a candidate's election expenses is made up of a fixed sum (expressed in pounds) plus a sum expressed in pence (and fractions of pence) for, in the case of parliamentary and local government elections, each entry in the register of electors or, in the case of ward elections in the City of London, each elector.

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