## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 1998 No. 1287

## The New Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 1998

## Interpretation

- 2. Unless the context otherwise requires, in this Order and any provision applied by this Order—
  - "1962 Act" means the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(1);
  - "1983 Act" means the Representation of the People Act 1983(2);
  - "1985 Act" means the Representation of the People Act 1985(3);
  - "1998 Act" means the Northern Ireland (Elections) Act 1998;
  - "1985 Order" means the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985(4);
  - "1986 Regulations" means the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1986(5);
  - "Assembly" means the New Northern Ireland Assembly and "Assembly election" means an election to that Assembly;
  - "date of the poll" refers to the date set by section 2(1) of the 1998 Act or, in the caseofa byelection, the date set by the Chief Electoral Officer under article 7(2) below; and
  - "elections rules" means the rules in Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act, as applied by Schedule1 to this Order.

<sup>(1) 1962</sup> c. 14 (N.I.).

<sup>(2) 1983</sup> c. 2.

<sup>(3) 1985</sup> c. 50.

<sup>(4)</sup> S.I. 1985/454.

<sup>(5)</sup> S.I. 1986/1091.