

SCHEDULE 2

COMBINED POLLS

PART I

General

1. In this Schedule—

“the 1985 Act” means the Representation of the People Act 1985;

“counting agents” and “election agents” means the persons appointed as such for the purposes of the ordinary election;

“the ordinary election” means the ordinary election of councillors for any electoral ward of a London borough the poll at which is to be taken together with the poll at the referendum;

“the election rules” means the rules set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) Rules 1986;

“the referendum rules” means those rules insofar as they are applied, with or without modifications, in relation to the referendum by article 12; and

except where the context otherwise requires a reference to a numbered rule is a reference to the rule bearing that number in both the election rules and the referendum rules.

2. The application in relation to the referendum by article 12 of section 18 of the 1983 Act shall not have effect; and the polling districts and polling stations for the purposes of the referendum shall be the polling districts and polling stations constituted for the purposes of the ordinary election under section 31 of that Act.

3. In section 36(4) of the 1983 Act (including that subsection insofar as it is applied, with modifications, by article 12), the reference to expenditure includes expenditure incurred by the returning officer in relation to the taking together of the polls at the ordinary election and the referendum.

4. The ballot papers used at the referendum shall be of a different colour from that of the ballot papers used at the ordinary election.

5. The back of the ballot papers for the referendum (the form of which is set out in article 9(1)) may include a reference to the name of the electoral ward of the London borough which is the voting area for the purposes of the referendum.

6. The same ballot box shall be used for the polls at the referendum and the ordinary election.

7.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below—

(a) where a person applies under subsection (1) of section 7 of the 1985 Act to vote by post, or to vote by proxy, at the ordinary election he shall be treated as applying also to vote by post, or to vote by proxy, at the referendum under that subsection (as applied, with modifications, by article 12); and

(b) where a person applies under that subsection (as so applied) to vote by post, or to vote by proxy, at the referendum he shall be treated as applying also to vote by post, or to vote by proxy, at the ordinary election under subsection (1) of section 7 of that Act.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) above shall not have effect where the person making such an application as is mentioned in that sub-paragraph states to the registration officer that he is applying to vote by post, or to vote by proxy, only at the ordinary election or, as the case may be, only at the referendum.