
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000 No. 2852

**The Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions
and Directions) (England) Regulations 2000**

PART III

DIRECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS

Time for holding referendum required by direction

21.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (4), a referendum required by a direction under regulation 18 shall be held not later than the end of the period of six months beginning with the date of the direction or, in a case to which paragraph (6) of regulation 7 applies, the date that is treated, in accordance with that paragraph, as the date of the direction.

(2) A referendum shall not be held before the end of the period of two months beginning with the date on which proposals are sent to the Secretary of State in accordance with regulation 20(5).

(3) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where the Secretary of State holds a referendum in exercise of the power conferred by regulation 25.

(4) Where the Secretary of State—

(a) in exercise of the power conferred by regulation 25, draws up outline fall-back proposals or proposals for the operation of executive arrangements; and

(b) directs an authority to hold a referendum on those proposals,

the authority shall hold the referendum not later than the end of the period of two months beginning with the date of the Secretary of State's direction.