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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 2852**

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

**PART II**

**PETITIONS AND REFERENDUMS**

**Validity of petitions**

- 9.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a petition shall be a valid petition if—
- (a) it is signed (whether before or after the passing of the Act or the coming into force of these Regulations) by not less than the number of local government electors for the authority's area that is the verification number; and
  - (b) it satisfies the requirements of regulation 10.
- (2) A petition shall not be invalid by reason only of a failure to satisfy any requirement of regulation 10 if the constitutional change in relation to which the referendum is sought can be ascertained.
- (3) Where a person signs a petition but the information referred to in regulation 10(3)(a) is not included, or is not included in a legible form, that person's signature shall be disregarded in determining whether the petition satisfies the requirements of paragraph (1)(a).
- (4) If a person signs a petition more than once, his second or subsequent signature shall be disregarded in determining whether the petition satisfies the requirements of paragraph (1)(a).
- (5) Any signature on a petition which bears a date earlier than 12 months before the petition date shall be disregarded in determining whether the petition satisfies the requirements of paragraph (1)(a).