

SCHEDULE

PART III

AMENDMENT OF THE MAYORAL ELECTION RULES

1. In rule 3 (timetable), in the Timetable set out in paragraph (1), for the entry in the second column applicable to the last entry in the first column (polling), substitute “Between the hours of 7 in the morning and 10 at night on the day of election.”.

2. In rule 6 (nomination of candidates and nomination papers), for paragraphs (4) to (7), substitute—

“(4) The description, if any, which may not comprise more than six words, must consist of either—

- (a) that authorised as mentioned in paragraph (5); or
- (b) the word “Independent”.

(5) A nomination paper may not include a description of a candidate that is likely to lead voters to associate the candidate with a registered political party unless—

- (a) the party is a qualifying party in relation to the electoral area; and
- (b) the description is authorised by a certificate—

- (i) issued by or on behalf of the registered nomination officer of the party, and
- (ii) received by the GLRO before the last time for the delivery of nomination papers.

(6) A person shall be guilty of a corrupt practice if he fraudulently purports to be authorised to issue a certificate under paragraph (5) on behalf of a registered political party’s nominating officer.

(7) In this rule, “registered political party” means a party which was registered under Part II (registration of political parties) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 at the time by which the notice of election is required to be published by virtue of rule 1 (“the relevant time”); and a registered political party is a qualifying party in relation to an electoral area if, at the relevant time, it was registered in respect of England in the Great Britain register maintained under that Part.”.