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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 1741**

**The Representation of the People  
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008**

**PART 3**

**REGISTRATION**

*The register*

**[<sup>F1</sup>Duties of registration officer and his staff in relation to record of anonymous entries**

**53B.**—(1) This regulation applies to—

- (a) the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland;
- (b) any temporary deputy of that officer; and
- (c) any person appointed to assist any such officer or who in the course of his employment is assigned to assist any such officer in his duties.

(2) Where the Chief Electoral Officer is also the counting officer at a referendum held by or under an Act of Parliament (and so has access to the record of anonymous entries without being supplied with a copy of it), this regulation also applies to—

- (a) the Chief Electoral Officer in that capacity,
- (b) any deputy counting officer,
- (c) any person appointed to assist any such officer or who in the course of his employment is assigned to assist any such officer in his duties in respect of the referendum in question.

(3) No person to whom this regulation applies may—

- (a) supply to any person a copy of the record of anonymous entries,
- (b) disclose information contained in it, or
- (c) make use of such information,

otherwise than in accordance with an enactment (including these Regulations) or the order of any court or tribunal made at any hearing or during the course of any proceedings.

(4) Nothing in paragraph (3) applies to the supply or disclosure by a person to whom this regulation applies to another such person in connection with his registration duties or for the purposes of an election or referendum.

(5) The persons to whom this regulation applies must take proper precautions for the safe custody of the record of anonymous entries.

(6) In this regulation “enactment” has the same meaning as in section 17(2) of the 2000 Act.]

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Regs. 53A-53D inserted (15.9.2014) by [The Representation of the People \(Northern Ireland\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1808\)](#), regs. 1(1), **15**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** [Reg. 53B](#) applied (15.9.2014) by [S.I. 2001/1184](#), reg. 9, **Sch. Pt. 2** (as inserted by [S.I. 2014/1803](#), regs. 1(1), **8(3)(b)**)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 20(5A) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 20(6A)(6B) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- reg. 22(3)(d) and word inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 22(6) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- reg. 38C(3)(t) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41\(c\)](#)