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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 305**

**The Representation of the People  
(Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2008**

**PART 2**

**Absent voting: personal identifiers**

**Amendment of regulation 51**

**3.—**(1) Regulation 51(1) (general requirements for applications for an absent vote) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2), omit the “and” preceding sub-paragraph (e) and after sub-paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) in the case of a person who is unable to provide a signature, the reasons for his request for waiver of any requirement under paragraph 3, 4 or 7 of Schedule 4 to provide a signature and the name and address of any person who has assisted him to complete his application, and

(g) where the applicant has, or has applied for, an anonymous entry, that fact.”.

(3) For paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) The application shall be made in writing and shall be dated.

(3A) Where an application is required to contain a signature and date of birth, the information must be set out in a manner that is sufficiently clear and unambiguous as to be capable of electronic scanning by configuring the information as follows—

(a) the signature shall appear against a background of white unlined paper at least five centimetres long and two centimetres high; and

(b) the applicant’s date of birth shall be set out numerically configured in the sequence of date, month and year, namely [d][d][m][m][y][y][y][y].

(3B) Where the application contains a request that the registration officer waive the requirement for a signature, sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3A) shall not apply.”.