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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2008 No. 307**

The Scottish Parliament (Elections  
etc.) (Amendment) Order 2008

PART 3

Personal identifiers: transitional provisions

**Required information to be provided to existing absent voters**

**22.**—(1) Where a registration officer sends a notice or a copy of a notice pursuant to article 21 of this Order, the registration officer must also provide information—

- (a) explaining how the required personal identifiers will be used and how the required personal identifiers will assist in deterring misuse of the entitlement to vote;
  - (b) explaining that, in the event of a failure or refusal to provide the required personal identifiers, the absent voter will lose his or her entitlement to vote by post, by proxy or by post as a proxy (as the case may be);
  - (c) explaining the circumstances in which a registration officer may dispense with the requirement to provide a signature; and
  - (d) explaining that loss of the entitlement to vote by post, by proxy or by post as a proxy (as the case may be) under this Part does not prevent the absent voter from making a fresh application under article 9, 10 or 12 to be entitled to vote by post, by proxy or by post as a proxy.
- (2) The notice must specify the following matters—
- (a) the types of elections in respect of which the absent voter would cease to be entitled to vote by post, by proxy or by post as a proxy (as the case may be) if he or she does not provide the required personal identifiers;
  - (b) whether the person has an entry in the absent voting records as voting by post, by proxy or by post as a proxy or in more than one capacity;
  - (c) as regards an absent elector entitled to vote by post as a proxy, the name and address of each person for whom he or she is entitled to vote; and
  - (d) the date (not less than 49 days from the sending of the initial notice) from which he or she will cease to be entitled to vote by post, by proxy or by post as a proxy (as the case may be) in the event of a failure or refusal to provide the required personal identifiers.