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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

PART 2

Absent voting: personal identifiers

**Amendment of article 12**

6.—(1) Article 12 (application for proxy postal vote) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (4), after “application” where it last occurs insert “contains the applicant’s signature and date of birth and”.

(3) After paragraph (10) insert—

“(11) The registration officer may dispense with the requirement under paragraph (4) for the applicant to provide a signature if he is satisfied that the applicant is unable—

- (a) to provide a signature because of any disability the applicant has,
- (b) to provide a signature because the applicant is unable to read or write, or
- (c) to sign in a consistent and distinctive way because of any such disability or inability.

(12) The registration officer must also keep a record in relation to those whose applications under paragraph (4) have been granted showing—

- (a) their dates of birth, and
- (b) except in cases where the registration officer in pursuance of paragraph (11) has dispensed with the requirement to provide a signature, their signatures.

(13) The record kept under paragraph (12) must be retained by the registration officer for the period prescribed in paragraph 12A of Schedule 3.”.