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## SCHEDULE 3

### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT REFERENDUMS RULES

#### **PART 7**

##### Declaration of result and disposal of documents

###### **Sealing up of ballot papers**

**42.**—(1) On the completion of the counting at a referendum the counting officer must seal up in separate packets the counted and rejected ballot papers.

(2) The counting officer must not open the sealed packets of—

- (a) tendered ballot papers;
- (b) the completed corresponding number lists;
- (c) certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll; or
- (d) marked copies of the register of electors (including any marked copy notices issued under section 13B(3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act) and lists of proxies.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Regulations amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2017/611, Sch. by S.I. 2024/652 reg. 3(c)

**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):

- Sch. 3 rule 17(5A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 14(5) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(4)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(5)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(6)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(6A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(6)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(2A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(5) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(e)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(1A)-(1M) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 27(1A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(9)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 28(2A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(10)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 29(7) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(11)
- Sch. 3 rule 30A inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(12)
- Sch. 3 rule 34(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(13)
- Sch. 3 rule 42(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(14)
- Sch. 3 rule 43(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(15)
- Sch. 3 rule 44(1A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(16)
- Sch. 3 rule 21(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(2)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 36(3)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(2)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 modified (temp.) by S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 2 para. 15(2)(3)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(9) omitted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(a)(iii)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(1)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(3)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(d)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(5)(b) substituted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(a)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 2(1) substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(3)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(3)-(3B) substituted for Sch. 3 rule 24(3) by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(c)
- Sch. 3 rule 17(5)(a) word omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(6)(a)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 36(3)(c) word omitted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(2)(b)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 Table words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(4) words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(7)(d)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(1)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(2) words omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(c)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 table words omitted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 3 rule 28(3) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(2)(b)
- Sch. 3 rule 15(3) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(5)
- Sch. 3 rule 26(1) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(8)(a)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 27(1) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(9)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 28(2) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 52(10)(a)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 table words substituted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(b)(i)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(2) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(3)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(6A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(3)(a)(ii)

- Sch. 5 rule 2(1)(za) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(3)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 2(1)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(3)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 14(7) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(4)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(5A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(6)(a)
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- Sch. 5 rule 31(7) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(11)
- Sch. 5 rule 32A inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(12)
- Sch. 5 rule 36(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(13)
- Sch. 5 rule 44(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(14)
- Sch. 5 rule 45(1)(da) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(15)
- Sch. 5 rule 46(1A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(16)
- Sch. 5 rule 23(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(4)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 38(7)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(4)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 26 modified (temp.) by S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 2 para. 15(2)(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(11) omitted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(3)(a)(iii)
- Sch. 5 rule 28(1)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(8)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 28(3)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(8)(d)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(6)(b) substituted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 9(3)(a)(i)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(3)-(3B) substituted for Sch. 5 rule 26(3) by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(7)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 2(1)(a) word omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(3)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 38(7)(c) word omitted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 7(4)(c)(i)
- Sch. 5 rule 26 Table words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(7)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(4) words inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(7)(d)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(1)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(7)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 28(2) words omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 54(8)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 26 table words omitted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 16(7)(b)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 12(4)(b) words revoked by S.I. 2018/1310 Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (This S.I. is amended by S.I. 2019/1389, reg. 2)
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