
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 1599

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

**The Elections (Fresh Signatures for
Absent Voters) Regulations 2013**

Made - - - - 20th June 2013

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(1)

These Regulations are made by the Lord President of the Council in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 7B of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000(1), by section 201(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(2) and by section 7(1) of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002(3).

The Lord President of the Council has consulted the Electoral Commission about these Regulations in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(a) and (e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(4).

A draft of these Regulations has been laid before Parliament in accordance with section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(5) and section 13(2) of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002, and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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- (1) [2000 c.2](#). Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 is under paragraph 1(2) to be treated as if it were contained in Part 1 of the Representation of the People Act [1983 \(c.2\)](#). The power conferred on the Secretary of State by paragraph 7B of Schedule 4 was made exercisable concurrently by the Lord President of the Council and the Secretary of State by the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/1837](#)). Paragraph 7B of Schedule 4 was inserted by section 14(4) of the Electoral Administration Act [2006 \(c.22\)](#).
- (2) [1983 c.2](#). In section 201, subsection (3) was inserted by section 8 of and paragraphs 1 and 21 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act [2000 \(c.2\)](#) and was amended by section 158(1) of and paragraphs 6(1) and (7)(d) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act [2000 \(c.41\)](#).
- (3) [2002 c.24](#). The power conferred on the Secretary of State by section 7 was made exercisable concurrently by the Lord President of the Council and the Secretary of State by the Lord President of the Council Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/1837](#)).
- (4) [2000 c.41](#). In section 7, subsection (2)(a) was amended by section 15 of and paragraph 8(1) and (2)(a) of Schedule 3 to the European Parliamentary Elections Act [2002 \(c.24\)](#).
- (5) In section 201, subsection (2) was substituted by section 24 of and paragraph 69 of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act [1985 \(c.50\)](#). Subsection (2) was amended by article 5(b) of the Transfer of Functions (Returning Officers' Charges) Order 1991 ([S.I. 1991/1728](#)) and was also amended by section 158(1) of and paragraph 6(1) and (7)(b) of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act [2000 \(c.41\)](#).