
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 654

**The Representation of the People (Combination of Polls)
(England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015**

Amendment to the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004

2.—(1) Paragraph 22 of Schedule 2 to the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004⁽¹⁾ is amended as follows.

(2) For the substituted paragraph (1AB) for rule 45 of the parliamentary elections rules substitute—

“(1AB) The returning officer shall count the votes given on the ballot papers used at the parliamentary election, but shall not count—

- (a) the votes given on postal ballot papers until the proceedings under paragraph (1) (c) and (d) above have been completed in relation to those papers and they have been mixed with the ballot papers from at least one ballot box; or
- (b) the votes given on ballot papers from a ballot box until the proceedings under paragraph (1)(a), (b) and (d) have been completed in relation to those papers and they have been mixed with the ballot papers from at least one other box.”

(3) For the substituted paragraph (1AC)(c) for rule 45 of the parliamentary elections rules substitute—

“(c) count the votes given on the ballot papers, but shall not count—

- (i) the votes given on postal ballot papers until they have been mixed with the ballot papers from at least one ballot box; or
- (ii) the votes given on ballot papers from a ballot box until they have been mixed with the ballot papers from at least one other ballot box.”