

SCHEDULE 1

APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

PART 2

APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS

Requirement of secrecy

18.—(1) Section 66(1) to (6) of the 1983 Act⁽¹⁾ applies for the purposes of the referendum but with the following modifications.

(2) Subsection (1) has effect for those purposes as if—

(a) for paragraphs (a) to (c) there were substituted—

“(a) the Chief Counting Officer, and every Regional Counting Officer and counting officer, attending at a polling station in the United Kingdom,

(b) every deputy of such an officer so attending,

(c) every presiding officer and clerk so attending,

(d) every referendum agent, polling agent and counting agent so attending, and

(e) every person so attending by virtue of any of sections 6A to 6D of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000,”

(b) in paragraph (i) for “elector or proxy for an elector” there were substituted “person”, and

(c) in paragraph (ii) for “elector” there were substituted “person”.

(3) The references in subsections (1) and (4) to the closure of the poll are to be read, in relation to the referendum, as references to the closure of the poll in the United Kingdom or Gibraltar, whichever is the later.

(4) Subsections (2)(b), (3)(b) and (c), (4)(d) and (5) have effect for the purposes of the referendum as if for “the candidate for whom” there were substituted “the referendum answer for which”.

(5) Subsection (3)(d) has effect for those purposes as if for “the name of the candidate for whom” there were substituted “the referendum answer for which”.

(6) Subsection (5) has effect for those purposes as if—

(a) for “blind voter” there were substituted “voter with disabilities”, and

(b) at the end there were inserted—

““Voter with disabilities” has the meaning given by regulation 36(11) of the the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016.”

Commencement Information

11 Sch. 1 para. 18 in force at 26.2.2016, see [reg. 1](#)

⁽¹⁾ Section 66 was amended by paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50) and paragraphs 69, 82 and 86 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c.22). There are other amendments that are not relevant to these Regulations.

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulations modified by [S.I. 2016/220 art. 4\(4\)Sch. 2](#)
- Regulations power to modify conferred by [S.I. 2016/220 art. 3Sch. 1](#)

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. 1 para. 4(1)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2016/636 reg. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#)