
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 295

The Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016

PART 6
OFFENCES

Personation

118.—(1) A person is guilty of a corrupt practice if they commit, or aid, abet, counsel or procure the commission of, the offence of personation.

(2) A person is guilty of personation if they—

- (a) sign a petition in person or by post as some other person, whether as an elector or as proxy, and whether that other person is living or dead or is a fictitious person; or
- (b) sign a petition, in person or by post, as proxy—
 - (i) for a person whom they know or have reasonable grounds for supposing to be dead or to be a fictitious person, or
 - (ii) when they know or have reasonable grounds for supposing that their appointment as proxy is not in force.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, a person who—

- (a) has their signing sheet endorsed under regulation 29 (signing sheets endorsed by petition clerk),
- (b) applies for a signing sheet for the purpose of signing by post, or
- (c) marks a postal signing sheet with a signature or otherwise and returns it,

is also to be taken to have signed the petition.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 118 in force at 4.3.2016, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) 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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- Regulations applied by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 11 para. 7\(3\)](#)

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 para. 1(1)(e)(ia) inserted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 3(1)(b)(v) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(22\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 1(1)(e)(i) words omitted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(5\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(b\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(ea) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(c\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(ia) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(e\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(ja) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(f\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(jb)-(je) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(2\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(ma)-(mc) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 69\(a\)](#)
- reg. 2(2)(za) omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 16\(2\)](#)
- reg. 2(5)(n) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 2(5)(ba)(bb) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 2(5)(ma)(mb) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 2(5)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 13A13B inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(1\)](#)
- reg. 17(3)(c) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 71\(b\)](#)
- reg. 17(3)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 15](#)
- reg. 18(7)(fa) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 72\(a\)](#)
- reg. 19(3)(e) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(2\)](#)
- reg. 19(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 73\(a\)](#)
- reg. 19(4A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 12\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 19(5A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 73\(b\)](#)
- reg. 20A amendments by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 20A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 74](#)
- reg. 20A words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 16\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 20A heading words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 16\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 22(1)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(4\)](#)
- reg. 25(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 75\(b\)](#)
- reg. 25(4A)-(4C) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 75\(d\)](#)
- reg. 25(4A) words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 17\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 25(4A)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 17\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 25(6) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 75\(f\)](#)
- reg. 27(1A)-(1N) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 76\(3\)](#)
- reg. 28(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 18\(3\)](#)
- reg. 28(6A)-(6C) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 18\(7\)](#)
- reg. 28(7A)-(7C) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 18\(9\)](#)
- reg. 29(1)(1A) substituted for reg. 29(1) by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 19\(2\)](#)
- reg. 29(2A) amendments by [S.I. 2022/1382](#), regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 29(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 77](#)

- reg. 30(7A) amendments by S.I. 2022/1382, regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 30(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 78](#)
- reg. 30A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 79](#)
- reg. 33(5)(ea) amendments by S.I. 2022/1382, regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 33(5)(ea) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 80](#)
- reg. 37(1)(ea) amendments by S.I. 2022/1382, regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 37(1)(ea) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 81](#)
- reg. 37(1)(eb) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 22](#)
- reg. 39(3)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(5\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 39(5)(d) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(5\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 43(2)(ba) amendments by S.I. 2022/1382, regs. 70-75, 77, 78, 80-82 extended to N.I. by [S.I. 2023/1382 reg. 13](#)
- reg. 43(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 82](#)
- reg. 44(1)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 83](#)
- reg. 45(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 84](#)
- reg. 45A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(3\)](#)
- reg. 46(1) reg. 46 renumbered as reg. 46(1) by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 46(2) inserted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 46(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10\(6\)](#)
- reg. 46A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14\(4\)](#)
- reg. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 51(1B)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 51(7A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(6\)\(e\)](#)
- reg. 52(1)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- reg. 52(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 52(9)(10) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 52(9)-(9B) substituted for reg. 52(9) by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 52(10) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 54(1)(da) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 54(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 54(6)(7) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 8\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 54(6)-(6B) substituted for reg. 54(6) by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 54(7) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 57(3)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 57(5)(5A) substituted for reg. 57(5) by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 58(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 60(1)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(9\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 60(6A)-(6E) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(9\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 63(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 63A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 86](#)
- reg. 64(5)(b)(v) and word inserted by [S.I. 2022/332 art. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 64(5)(b)(iv) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1188 art. 9\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 65(4)(b)(v) and word inserted by [S.I. 2022/332 art. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 65(4)(b)(iv) inserted by [S.I. 2021/1188 art. 9\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 68(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(11\)](#)
- reg. 69A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 88](#)
- reg. 71(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 89\(3\)](#)
- reg. 71(4A)(4B) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 89\(6\)](#)
- reg. 71(4A) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(12\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 71(4C) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(12\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 71(8) inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 89\(7\)](#)
- reg. 71A inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 90](#)
- reg. 72A-72C inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19\(13\)](#)
- reg. 72B(5A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 72B(6) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13\(5\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)

- reg. 72B(6)(d)(i) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(b)(ii)
- reg. 72B(7)(c)(ii)(aa) word inserted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(c)
- reg. 72B(8) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(i)
- reg. 72B(8)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(ii)
- reg. 72B(8)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(iii)
- reg. 72B(8)(c) words substituted by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 13(5)(d)(iii)
- reg. 72B(8)(ca) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 25(2)
- reg. 73(9)-(13) inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19(14)(b)
- reg. 73A inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19(15)
- reg. 99(2A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(7)(c)
- reg. 99A-99D inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(8)
- reg. 102A-102E inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(10)
- reg. 110(6)-(9) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(12)(c)
- reg. 110A inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(13)
- reg. 112(1)(f) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(15)(a)
- reg. 112(2)(d) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(15)(b)
- reg. 115(1)(a)(i) words in reg. 115(1)(a) renumbered as reg. 115(1)(a)(i) by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(ii)(aa)
- reg. 115(1)(a)(ii)(iii) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(ii)(bb)
- reg. 115(1)(c)(i) words in reg. 115(1)(c) renumbered as reg. 115(1)(c)(i) by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(iii)(aa)
- reg. 115(1)(c)(ii) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(17)(b)(iii)(bb)
- reg. 115A inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(18)
- reg. 117(ba) inserted by S.I. 2023/1141 reg. 8(2)
- reg. 119(1A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 19(16)(a)
- reg. 122A inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(19)
- reg. 123(4A)-(4F) inserted by S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 10(20)(a)
- reg. 123A inserted by S.I. 2023/1141 reg. 8(3)
- reg. 124A inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 14(5)
- reg. 144(2A) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 91(b)