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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 295**

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

PART 3

CONDUCT

CHAPTER 3

The Petition

**Signing procedure: England and Wales and Scotland**

27.—(1) A signing sheet must be delivered to a person who applies for one, and immediately before delivery—

- (a) the number and (unless paragraph (2) applies) name of the elector as stated in the copy of the register must be called out;
- (b) the number of the elector must be marked on the list mentioned in regulation 19(3)(d) (equipment at petition signing place) beside the number of the signing sheet to be delivered to that person;
- (c) a mark must be placed in the copy of the register against the number of the elector to denote that a signing sheet has been received but without showing the particular signing sheet which has been received;
- (d) in the case of a person applying for a signing sheet as proxy, a mark must also be placed against the proxy's name in the list of proxies.

(2) In the case of an elector who has an anonymous entry, that person must show the petition clerk his or her official petition notice and only that person's number must be called out in pursuance of paragraph (1)(a).

(3) In the case of an elector in respect of whom a notice has been issued under section 13BC(6) of the 1983 Act, in subparagraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph (1) the reference to "copy of the register" is to be read as "copy of the notice issued under section 13BC(6) of the 1983 Act".

(4) On receiving a signing sheet the person must without undue delay—

- (a) decide whether or not to sign the sheet and, if they decide to do so, sign it;
- (b) fold it up and show to the petition clerk the back of the signing sheet (so as to disclose the number and other unique identifying mark); and
- (c) put the signing sheet so folded up into the ballot box in the petition clerk's presence.

(5) The person must leave the petition signing place immediately after putting the signing sheet into the ballot box.

(6) A person who for the purpose of signing the petition is in a petition signing place, or in a queue outside a petition signing place, at the end of the period for which the petition is available for signing on that day must (despite the fact that the period for which the petition is available for

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signing on that day has ended) be entitled to apply for a signing sheet under paragraph (1), and these Regulations apply in relation to such a person accordingly.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 27 in force at 4.3.2016, see [reg. 1](#)

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

- Regulations applied by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 11 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- [reg. 27\(1\) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 76\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- [reg. 27\(1\)\(a\) omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 76\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- [reg. 27\(2\) words omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 76\(4\)](#)
- [reg. 27\(3\) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 76\(5\)](#)

### **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)