
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**POLICE, ENGLAND AND WALES
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Representation of the People (Proxy Vote
Applications) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021**

Made - - - - 23rd March 2021

Coming into force - - 24th March 2021

The Minister for the Cabinet Office makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 53(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983⁽¹⁾ (“the 1983 Act”), paragraphs 3(2), 4(2) and 6(7) of Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000⁽²⁾ and section 58(1) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011⁽³⁾ (“the 2011 Act”), and now vested in the Minister⁽⁴⁾.

The Minister for the Cabinet Office has consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(e) and (hc) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000⁽⁵⁾.

In accordance with section 201(2) of the 1983 Act⁽⁶⁾ and section 154(2) of the 2011 Act, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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- (1) 1983 c. 2. Section 53(1) was amended by the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), Schedule 4, paragraph 13, and Schedule 5, and by the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2), Schedule 1, paragraph 13.
- (2) 2000 c. 2. Paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 was amended by the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), Schedule 27, paragraph 164; by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), section 14 and Schedule 1, paragraphs 19, 20 and 137; by the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14), sections 20(c) and 34(5) and by the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020 (asp 6). Paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 was amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006, section 14(2) and (8) and Schedule 1, paragraphs 19 and 21, and by the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006, section 20(c). For the meaning of “prescribed” see section 202(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, which applies by virtue of paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 4 to the 2000 Act.
- (3) 2011 c. 13. Section 58(1) was amended by S.I. 2014/268 and 2016/997.
- (4) The Secretary of State’s functions under sections 53 and 201 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, and under the Representation of the People Act 2000, were exercisable concurrently with the Lord President of the Council by virtue of S.I. 2010/1837. By virtue of S.I. 2015/1376, the Secretary of State’s functions which were exercisable concurrently with the Lord President ceased to be so exercisable and were instead exercisable with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. By virtue of S.I. 2016/997, the Secretary of State’s functions which were exercisable concurrently with the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster ceased to be so exercisable and are instead exercisable concurrently with the Minister of the Cabinet Office.
- (5) 2000 c. 41. Section 7(2)(hc) was inserted by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, Schedule 10, paragraphs 8 and 11.
- (6) Section 201(2) was substituted by the Representation of the People Act 1985, Schedule 4, paragraph 69, and was amended by the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, Schedule 21, paragraph 6; by the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c. 13), section 13, and by S.I. 1991/1728.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Representation of the People (Proxy Vote Applications) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2021, Introductory Text.