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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 1382**

**The Voter Identification Regulations 2022**

**PART 10**

Amendment of conduct rules for other elections, referendums and recall petitions

**New regulation 71A (grounds relating to identification: England and Wales and Scotland)**

**90.** After regulation 71 insert—

**“Grounds relating to identification: England and Wales and Scotland**

**71A.**—(1) For the purposes of this Part, an application is made on grounds relating to identification if it is made because the following apply to B—

- (a) condition 1, 2 or 3, and
  - (b) except where B has an anonymous entry in the register, condition 4.
- (2) In this regulation, “B” means—
- (a) the applicant, where—
    - (i) the application is made under regulation 53(2), and
    - (ii) regulation 63A(2) does not apply to the application made under regulation 57(7) which is included in that application under regulation 53(2);
  - (b) otherwise, the person already appointed as the applicant’s proxy at the time the application is made.
- (3) Condition 1 is that—
- (a) immediately before the deadline, B has a specified document which B intends to use to sign the petition in person, and
  - (b) after that deadline, that document is—
    - (i) lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged so as to be no longer usable as a specified document for the purposes of that petition, or
    - (ii) sent by B to another person to prove B’s identity, and B considers it is unlikely to be returned to B on or before the last day of the signing period at that petition.
- (4) Condition 2 is that—
- (a) at a time during the period of 3 months ending with the deadline, B has applied for a specified document,
  - (b) immediately before the deadline, B has not received that document, and
  - (c) the application for the specified document has not been refused or withdrawn.
- (5) Condition 3 is that—

- (a) B has an anonymous entry in the register, and
- (b) either—
  - (i) B has not been issued with an anonymous elector’s document, or
  - (ii) B has been issued with an anonymous elector’s document, and after the deadline B is allocated an electoral number which is different from the one shown on that document other than as a result of an application under section 9B of the 1983 Act (anonymous registration).
- (6) Condition 4 is that B does not have access to another specified document.
- (7) In this regulation—
  - (a) the “deadline” means 5pm on the sixth day before the last day of the signing period at the petition to which the application relates;
  - (b) “specified document” has the meaning given in regulation 27(11).”.