



Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955

1955 CHAPTER 11

10 Limitation on privilege at elections.

(1) A defamatory statement published by or on behalf of a candidate in any election to a local authority, or to Parliament, or to the Parliament of the United Kingdom^{F1} or to the Scottish Parliament^{F2} or to the National Assembly for Wales], shall not be deemed to be published on a privileged occasion on the ground that it is material to a question in issue in the election, whether or not the person by whom it is published is qualified to vote at the election.

(2) In this section the expression “local authority” means ...^{F3} [^{F4} ...^{F3} a district council].

F1 1998 c. 46

F2 Words in s. 10(1) inserted by [Government of Wales Act 2006 \(c. 32\), s. 160\(1\), Sch. 10 para. 6](#) (with [Sch. 11 para. 22](#)), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to [s. 161\(4\)\(5\)](#) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) - see [ss. 46, 161\(1\)\(4\)\(5\)](#) of the amending Act.

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland) 1955, Section 10.