



Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962

1962 CHAPTER 14

PART XI

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

130 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act the expression—^{F1} absent voters list means, in relation to any local election, the list kept under paragraph 2(4) of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (as substituted by Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1987) for that election;]^{F2} Chief Electoral Officer means the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland appointed under section 14 and, in relation to any function, includes a person to whom that function is delegated under section 14A(2) of this Act or Article 9(2) of the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 ;]^{F3} citizen of the Union shall be construed in accordance with Article 8.1 of the Treaty establishing the European Community (as amended by Title II of the Treaty on European Union), and relevant citizen of the Union means such a citizen who is not a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland;]^{F4} Clerk of the Crown means Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland; committee room shall not include any house or room occupied by the candidate as a dwelling, by reason only of the candidate there transacting business with his agents in relation to the election, and no room or building shall be deemed to be a committee room by reason only of the candidate or any agent of the candidate addressing therein electors, committeemen or others; *Definition rep. by 1969 c.26 (NI)* constituency means a parliamentary constituency as designated in the Second Schedule; corporate office means the office of lord mayor, mayor, chairman, ...^{F4}, councillor or member of a local authority, ...^{F4}, or member (whether elected or not) of any committee appointed by a local authority for the purpose of the performance of their functions under any enactment; costs includes charges and expenses; the count means the counting of the votes given to the several candidates at a contested election; current , in relation to a register at any time, means operative at that time, and in relation to any election current register means the register or part of the register in force for the constituency,^{F5} or district electoral area for which the election is being held]; day of election in relation to a parliamentary election—

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- (a) where the election is contested, means—

Sub-para.(i) rep. by 1968 c.20 (NI)

(ii) ...^{F6}, the polling day;

- (b) where the election for any constituency is not contested, means the nomination day for that constituency;

deposit means, in relation to any candidate, the sum required by section sixty to be deposited with the returning officer by that candidate;

election includes a parliamentary and a local election and in relation to a parliamentary election means an election in a constituency and in relation to a [^{F5} local election means an election in a district electoral area] ...^{F4};

Definition rep. by SLR 1976

election court means such a court as is referred to in section seventy-two;

[^{F5} election day has the meaning given in section 11(1) and (1A);]

electors means registered electors, and includes parliamentary electors and local electors;

[^{F7} elective office means any office to which a local election is held in Northern Ireland;]

functions means functions conferred by this Act;

general election means an election of members to serve in a new parliament;

[^{F2} local general election means a local election held in a local election year not being an election to fill a casual vacancy;]

judicial office includes the office of justice of the peace;

[^{F8} legal incapacity has the same meaning as in the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989;]

[^{F9} local authority means a district council;]

local election and local elector mean respectively [^{F5} an election in a district electoral area for a] local authority, and a person entitled to vote at a local election;

local election year means a year specified in section eleven;

Local Elections Rules means the local elections rules in the Fifth Schedule;

local government electoral area means the area for which a local authority is or is to be elected;

merchant seaman means a person (other than a pilot) whose usual place of residence is in Northern Ireland and who is employed in any capacity on board any ship;

Minister and Ministry mean respectively the Minister^{F10} and the Ministry^{F10} of Home Affairs;

nomination day, in relation to any election, means the day on which candidates at that election may be nominated under this Act;

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parliamentary election and parliamentary elector mean respectively an election in a constituency of a member or members to serve in the House of Commons, and a person entitled to vote at a parliamentary election;

Parliamentary Elections Rules means the parliamentary elections rules in the Fourth Schedule;

payment includes any pecuniary or other reward; and pecuniary reward and money shall be deemed to include any office, place, or employment and any valuable security or equivalent for money, and any valuable consideration, and expressions referring to money shall be construed accordingly;

personal expenses, in relation to the expenditure of any candidate in connection with any election, includes the reasonable travelling expenses of that candidate, and the reasonable expenses of his living at hotels and elsewhere for the purposes of and in relation to the election;

polling day, in relation to a contested election, means the day on which the poll is or is to be taken at that election;

[^{F8}polling district means a ward;]

postal voting area,...^{F6}, means Great Britain, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and the Republic of Ireland...^{F6};

prescribed means prescribed by electoral regulations under section one hundred and twenty-seven;

proxy means a person duly appointed under section sixty-seven by an elector;

Definition rep. by SI 2001/417

Definition rep. by 1989 c. 3

qualifying address means a dwelling-house or premises the residence in ...^{F11} which by a person...^{F11} entitles [^{F12} him to be] registered as an elector;

register means a register of electors prepared in accordance with this Act;

Definitions rep. by 1989 c. 3

relevant rules means, as the context requires, the parliamentary elections rules or the local elections rules respectively set out in the Fourth and Fifth Schedules;

service elector means an elector registered by virtue of a service qualification;

Speaker means the Speaker of the House of Commons and includes the Deputy Speaker and, when the office of Speaker is vacant, the Clerk of the Parliaments or any other officer for the time being performing the duties of the Clerk of the Parliaments;

[^{F2} statutory provisions has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;]

Definitions rep. by 1968 c.20 (NI); 1969 c.26 (NI); 1972 NI 13

vehicle includes any vehicle or carriage intended or adapted for use on roads;

voter includes an elector and a proxy for an elector:

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voting includes voting in person and by post (whether on one's own behalf or as a proxy);

writ means a writ for a parliamentary election.

Subs.(2) rep. by 1972 NI 13

(3) In Parts VI, IX and X and in the Eighth and Ninth Schedules the expression candidate

- (a) in relation to a parliamentary election, means a person who is elected to serve in Parliament at the election or a person who is nominated as a candidate at the election, or is declared by himself or by others to be a candidate on or after the day of the issue of the writ for the election, or after the dissolution or vacancy in consequence of which the writ was issued;
- (b) in relation to a local election means a person elected or having been nominated or having been declared by himself or by others to be a candidate for election, to the office to be filled at the election;

but where a person has been declared by others to be a candidate at an election without his consent, nothing in this Act shall be construed to impose any liability on that person by virtue of his having been so declared, unless he has afterwards given his assent to the declaration or has been nominated.

^{F13}(4) For purposes of this Act, a person shall be deemed, according to the law in Northern Ireland, not to have attained a given age until the commencement of the relevant anniversary of the day of his birth.]

(5) The date on which an election shall be taken to be initiated shall be—

- (a) in the case of a parliamentary general election, the date of the Proclamation of the Governor in Her Majesty's name summoning a new parliament;
- (b) in the case of a parliamentary bye-election, the date on which the writ is received; and
- (c) in the case of a local election, the date of publication of the notice of election.

F1 SI 1987/168

F2 1972 NI 13

F3 SI 1995/1948

F4 1972 NI 13

F5 SI 1985/454

F6 [1968 c.20 \(NI\)](#)

F7 SI 2001/417

F8 [1989 c. 3](#)

F9 1972 NI 13

F10 Functions transf. to S of S, SI 1973/2163

F11 [1969 c.26 \(NI\)](#)

F12 [1969 c.26 \(NI\)](#)

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- s. 14A(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 2](#)
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- s. 37A inserted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 5](#)
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- s. 46(3)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2019/564 art. 3](#)
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- s. 57A inserted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 18](#)
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– Sch. 5 rule 45(4) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 72
– Sch. 5 rule 46(1)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 73
– Sch. 5 rule 45(3) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(12)(i)
– Sch. 5 rule 45(5) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(12)(ii)
– Sch. 5 rule 57(2) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(13)
– Sch. 5 rule 58(1)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(14)
– Sch. 5 rule 45(2A) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 4(a)
– Sch. 5 rule 9(3) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 4(a)
– Sch. 5 rule 10(1) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 5(a)(i)
– Sch. 5 rule 10(3) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 5(b)
– Sch. 5 rule 12(2) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 6(a)
– Sch. 5 rule 12A(1) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 7(a)
– Sch. 5 rule 36(3) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 16(4)
– Sch. 5 rule 5(3) words omitted by S.I. 2010/1178 art. 4(2)(a)
– Sch. 5 rule 27(4) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 61(5)
– Sch. 5 rule 30(2)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 64
– Sch. 5 rule 34(6)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 68(4)(c)
– Sch. 5 rule 41(1)(e) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 70(4)
– Sch. 5 rule 58(1)(d) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 75(a)

- Sch. 5 rule 60 heading words omitted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 77\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 25(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 25(2) words omitted by [S.I. 2014/1880 art. 3\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 16A(3) words repealed by [S.I. 2018/1310 Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (This S.I. is amended by S.I. 2019/1389, reg. 2)
- Sch. 5 rule 12(2A) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 8\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 12(2A) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 8\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 23(3) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 11](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(3) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 35(2) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 15](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 36(2)(b)(i) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 36(2A) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 16\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 37(2) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 17\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 56A words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 20\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms Form 10 words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 22\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 1(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 45](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 1(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 46](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 19(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 56](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 27(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 61\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 28(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 62](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 68\(3\)](#)
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- Sch. 5 rule 57(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 74](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 59(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 76\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 59(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 76\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 59(7) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 76\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 21(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(3)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 21(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/566 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 45(2A) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 4\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/47 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms amendment to earlier affecting provision 2001 c. 7 Sch. para. 29 by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 9\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms form 5 asterisk and words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(16\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms form 5 asterisk inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(16\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms Form 6A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(17\)Sch](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms Form 7A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(18\)Sch](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 79](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix Form 6A substituted by [S.I. 2015/566 art. 2\(9\)Sch. 5](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms form 5 words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(16\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 6 Appendix Form 7 substituted by [S.I. 2015/566 art. 2\(10\)Sch. 6](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962

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- [S.I. 2011/1418 art. 2 commences \(2010 c. 23\)](#)
- [S.R. 2014/153 art. 3Sch. 2 commences \(2014 c. 8\)](#)
- [S.R. 2016/387 art. 2 commences \(2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\)\)](#)