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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 64**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th March 2017</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish Parliament</i>	- - - -	<i>9th March 2017</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>23rd April 2017</i>

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 33 and 61(2) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006<sup>(1)</sup> and all other powers enabling them to do so.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2017 and come into force on 23rd April 2017.

**Amendment of the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007**

2. In the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007<sup>(2)</sup>, after paragraph (4)(a) of regulation 11 (closing date for applications) insert—

“(aa) on grounds relating to the applicant’s occupation, service or employment and the applicant became aware of those grounds after 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the date of the poll at the election for which it is made;”.

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(1) 2006 asp 14.

(2) S.S.I. 2007/170, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
7th March 2017

*JOE FITZPATRICK*  
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend regulation 11 of the Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2007. They allow for an application for a proxy vote to be accepted if received no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the poll where the application is made on grounds relating to the applicant's occupation, service or employment and the applicant became aware of those grounds after 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the poll.