

These notes refer to the Business Improvement Districts Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c.5) which received Royal Assent on 21 March 2013

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 17: Regulations about ballots

Section 17 allows the Department to make regulations governing the ballot process, particularly, but not exclusively, in relation to:

- (a) The timing of ballots;
- (b) The persons entitled to vote;
- (c) The question to be asked in a ballot;
- (d) The allocation of votes to those eligible ratepayers entitled to vote in a ballot,
- (e) The form that ballots may take;
- (f) The persons who are to hold ballots;
- (g) The conduct of ballots;
- (h) Allowing the Department to declare ballots void in cases of material irregularity;
- (i) Enabling a district council to recover the costs of a ballot.