

## 1980 No. 16

## ELECTORAL LAW

## Electoral Law (Registration Rules) (Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

*Made* . . . . . 11th January 1980

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 15th February 1980

*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State in pursuance of Section 28(5) of the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(a), hereby makes the following order:

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as the Electoral Law (Registration Rules) (Variation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into force on 15th February 1980.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order any reference to a numbered rule is a reference to the rule so numbered in the Registration Rules in Schedule 3 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962.

*Variation of Registration Rules*

3. In rule 22(b) paragraph (2) and sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (3) shall be omitted.

4. Notwithstanding that in the electors lists published before the coming into operation of this Order the names of electors were marked in accordance with that paragraph (2) and that sub-paragraph (c), the register which is to be prepared from those lists shall not include such markings.

5. In rule 26, for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(2) The registration officer shall supply to any person applying therefor copies of any part or parts of the register in force or of any electors lists for so long as there are sufficient copies available after allowing for the number which are required for the purposes of an election (including the purposes of paragraph (1)) on payment—

(a) in the case of a person who has been supplied in pursuance of paragraph (1) with a copy of the register, of a fee at the rate of ten pence for each one thousand (or part of one thousand) names in such copy;

(b) in the case of any other person, of a fee at the rate of one pound for each one thousand (or part of one thousand) names in such copy.”

*Humphrey Atkins*

Northern Ireland Office  
11th January 1980

One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State

(a) 1962 c. 14 (N.I.) as modified by 1973 c. 36 (Schedule 5) and S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)

(b) as amended by 1968 c. 20 (N.I.) section 3 and Schedule 2 and section 8 and Schedule 4 and 1969 c. 26 (N.I.) section 1 and Schedule 1 and section 6 and Schedule 2.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order varies rule 22 of the Registration Rules so as to remove the requirement that in the electors lists and the register of electors the name of any elector who is a service voter shall be marked with the letter "S" and the name of any elector who is a merchant seaman shall be marked with the letters "S(NI)".

The Order also amends rule 26 so as to vary the fees payable for copies of parts of the electoral lists or register.