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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2004 No. 518**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Recognition and Derecognition Ballots (Qualified Persons) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004**

*Made - - - - 21st December 2004*

*Coming into operation 16th January 2005*

The Department for Employment and Learning(1), in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs 25(7)(a) and 117(9)(a) of Schedule 1A to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(2), and now vested in it(3), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Recognition and Derecognition Ballots (Qualified Persons) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 16th January 2005.

(2) In this Order “the principal Order” means the Recognition and Derecognition Ballots (Qualified Persons) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001(4).

**Amendments to the principal Order**

2. For Article 4 of the principal Order there shall be substituted –

“4. The following persons are specified for the purposes of the relevant provisions –

The Association of Electoral Administrators  
Election.Com Limited  
Electoral Reform (Ballot Services) Limited  
Popularis Limited  
Involvement and Participation Association  
Twenty-First Century Press Limited.”

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(1) Formerly known as the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, see 2001 c. 15 (N.I.)  
(2) S.I. 1995/1980 (N.I. 12); Schedule 1A was inserted by S.I. 1999/2790 (N.I. 9), Art. 3  
(3) By S.R. 1999 No. 481, Art. 4 and Sch. 2  
(4) S.R. 2001 No. 38

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made).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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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Employment and Learning on 21st December 2004.

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*R. B. Gamble*  
A senior officer of the  
Department for Employment and Learning

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

Under Schedule 1A to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, where the Industrial Court arranges a ballot on the recognition or derecognition of a trade union for collective bargaining, it must appoint a “qualified independent person” to conduct the ballot.

The Recognition and Derecognition Ballots (Qualified Persons) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (“the 2001 Order”) specifies conditions which must be satisfied in order for an individual or partnership to be a qualified person. It also specifies certain persons by name as qualified persons.

This Order amends the 2001 Order by replacing the list of bodies specified by name as being qualified for appointment.

The Order comes into operation on 16th January 2005.