

**EXECUTIVE NOTE**  
**THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (ABSENT VOTING AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007 (S.S.I 2007/170)**

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections **33 and 61** of the **Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006**. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

**Policy Objectives**

The purpose of the instrument is to provide for revised procedures on applications for absent voting and replicate for local government elections the procedures introduced by Part IV of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 as amended by the Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2006. The regulations also reflect changes made to procedures surrounding applications for proxy voting introduced following the Electoral Administration and Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Acts 2006.

**Consultation**

The following bodies have been consulted on a draft of the instrument:

Association of Electoral Administrators  
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities  
Society of Local Authority Lawyers and Administrators  
Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers  
The Electoral Commission  
The Scotland Office

**Financial Effects**

Local authorities are responsible for meeting the cost of local government elections from within their overall budget. The instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Executive or on business.

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