### DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# European Parliamentary Elections (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2004

## PART 4

## Legal Proceedings

#### **Prosecutions for corrupt practices**

99.—(1) A person who is guilty of a corrupt practice shall be liable—

- (a) on conviction on indictment—
  - (i) in the case of a corrupt practice under regulation 23 or 24, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine, or to both,
  - (ii) in any other case, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to a fine, or to both;
- (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both.

(2) If it appears to the court by which any person holding a licence or certificate under the Licensing Order is convicted of the offence of bribery or treating that the offence was committed on his licensed premises—

- (a) the court shall direct the conviction to be entered in the proper register of licences, and
- (b) the entry shall be taken into consideration by the licensing authority in determining whether they will or will not grant a renewal of the licence or certificate, and may be a ground, if the authority think fit, for refusing its renewal.