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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No.**

**The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012**

**Counting officer**

9.—(1) Where the relevant council is not the Common Council of the City of London, functions conferred by these Regulations on the counting officer are to be exercised in the referendum area by the person who is for the time being the returning officer at local government elections in which the referendum area is situated under section 35(1) or (3) of the 1983 Act<sup>(1)</sup>.

(2) Where the relevant council is the Common Council of the City of London, functions conferred by these Regulations on the counting officer are to be exercised by the person who is for the time being appointed by the Common Council to act as the counting officer of the referendum.

(3) It is the counting officer's general duty at the referendum to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for effectually conducting the referendum in the manner provided by these Regulations.

(4) The counting officer must also appoint and pay any such persons as may be necessary for the purpose of the counting of the votes.

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(1) 1983 c. 2; section 35(1) was amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 16 to the Local Government Act 1985 (c.51).