

---

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

---

**2016 No.**

The European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016

PART 2

REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE  
REFERENDUM IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

*Action to be taken before the poll*

**Appointment of presiding officers and clerks**

**19.**—(1) The counting officer must appoint and pay—

- (a) a presiding officer to attend at each polling station;
- (b) however many clerks are necessary for the purposes of the referendum.

But the officer may not employ a person who has been employed by or on behalf of a permitted participant in or about the referendum.

(2) The counting officer may, if the officer thinks fit, preside at a polling station.

The provisions of this Part relating to a presiding officer apply to a counting officer so presiding, with the necessary modifications as to things to be done by the counting officer to the presiding officer or by the presiding officer to the counting officer.

(3) A presiding officer may do, by the clerks appointed to assist the officer, any act (including the asking of questions) which the officer is required or authorised by this Part to do at a polling station except order the arrest, exclusion or removal of a person from the polling station.