



Representation of the People Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 50

Miscellaneous and supplemental

29 Citation, commencement and extent.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Representation of the People Act 1985 and shall be included among the Acts that may be cited as the Representation of the People Acts.
- (2) This Act (except the provisions mentioned in subsection (3) below) shall come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument appoint, and different days may be appointed for different provisions and for different purposes.
- (3) Those provisions are—
 - (a) sections 25(1) and 27(1) of this Act, this section, the amendment made by paragraph 18 of Schedule 4 to this Act and the repeal made by the entry in Schedule 5 to this Act relating to the ^{M1}Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (which come into force on the day on which this Act is passed), and
 - (b) Schedule 1 to this Act (which may be brought into force under section 10 of this Act).
- (4) This Act, except the provisions mentioned in subsection (5) below, extends to Northern Ireland; and section 10 of and Schedule 1 to this Act extend to Northern Ireland only.
- (5) Those provisions are sections [^{F1}17 and 18], 21 and 22 of this Act and any amendment or repeal by this Act of an enactment not extending to Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 29(5) substituted (2.4.2013) by [Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 \(c. 6\), ss. 15\(2\), 27\(1\)](#); S.I. 2013/702, art. 3(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 29(2) power of appointment conferred by s. 29(2) fully exercised: [S.I. 1985/1185](#), 1986/639, 1080, 1987/207

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Marginal Citations

M1 1984 c. 60.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 15(1)(d)(e) inserted by [2012 c. 11 s. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 15(3ZA) inserted by [2012 c. 11 s. 2\(4\)](#)