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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F1</sup>SCHEDULE 2

#### RULES FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS

##### Textual Amendments

- F1** Sch. 2 substituted (16.2.2011) by [Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 \(c. 1\)](#), ss. **11(1)**, 19(1) (with s. 13(5))

##### *Northern Ireland*

- 7 (1) In relation to Northern Ireland, sub-paragraph (2) below applies in place of rule 2 where—
- (a) the difference between—
    - (i) the electorate of Northern Ireland, and
    - (ii) the United Kingdom electoral quota multiplied by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8),exceeds one third of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
  - (b) the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland consider that having to apply rule 2 would unreasonably impair—
    - (i) their ability to take into account the factors set out in rule 5(1), or
    - (ii) their ability to comply with section 3(2) of this Act.
- (2) The electorate of any constituency shall be—
- (a) no less than whichever is the lesser of—
$$N - A$$
and 95% of the United Kingdom electoral quota, and
  - (b) no more than whichever is the greater of—
$$N + A$$
and 105% of the United Kingdom electoral quota,
- where—
- N is the electorate of Northern Ireland divided by the number of seats in Northern Ireland (determined under rule 8), and
- A is 5% of the United Kingdom electoral quota.]

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