



Northern Ireland Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 47

PART IV

THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY

Elections etc

34 Elections and franchise

- (1) This section applies to elections of members of the Assembly, including by-elections.
- (2) Each vote in the poll at an election shall be a single transferable vote.
- (3) A single transferable vote is a vote—
 - (a) capable of being given so as to indicate the voter's order of preference for the candidates for election as members for the constituency; and
 - (b) capable of being transferred to the next choice when the vote is not needed to give a prior choice the necessary quota of votes or when a prior choice is eliminated from the list of candidates because of a deficiency in the number of votes given for him.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by order make provision about elections or any matter relating to them.
- (5) In particular, an order under subsection (4) may make—
 - (a) provision as to the persons entitled to vote at an election and the registration of such persons;
 - (b) provision for securing that no person stands as a candidate for more than one constituency at a general election;
 - (c) provision for determining the date of the poll at a by-election;
 - (d) provision about deposits.
- (6) An order under subsection (4) may apply (with or without modifications) any provision of, or made under, any enactment.