

These notes refer to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41) which received Royal Assent on 30th November 2000

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT : OVERVIEW

Part VII : Referendums

31. The four Chapters in Part VII, which contain twenty-nine sections and Schedules 12 to 15, set out the framework for the conduct of referendums. Chapter I (sections 101 to 110) provides for the registration of campaign organisations and for financial and other assistance to be given to designated umbrella organisations. This chapter also provides for a role for the Electoral Commission to comment on the intelligibility of a referendum question. Chapter II (sections 111 to 124) imposes financial controls on campaign organisations. Chapter III (sections 125 to 127) places controls on referendum publications by government and others. Chapter IV (sections 128 and 129) makes provision for the conduct of a referendum poll and for the counting of ballot papers.