

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 17

#### AMENDMENTS RELATING TO ELECTION PETITIONS

##### *Procedure on all election petitions*

- 3 (1) For section 137 there shall be substituted—

**“137 Petition at issue**

- (1) The petition shall be at issue as from the relevant time, as defined by subsection (2) below.

- (2) In this section “the relevant time” means—

- (a) where the petitioner gives the security for costs required by section 136 above by a deposit of money equal to the amount of the security so required, the time when the security is so given; and
- (b) in any other case, the time when—
  - (i) the time prescribed for the making of objections under section 136(4) above expires, or
  - (ii) if such an objection is made, that objection is disallowed or removed,

whichever happens later.”

- (2) The amendment made by sub-paragraph (1) does not have effect in relation to election petitions in respect of local government elections in Scotland.

- 4 In section 138(1) (list of petitions) the words from “, a copy of which” onwards shall be omitted.

- 5 (1) Sections 148 to 153 (withdrawal or abatement of petition) shall be omitted.

- (2) The repeals made by sub-paragraph (1) do not have effect in relation to election petitions in respect of local government elections in Scotland.

- 6 In section 157 (appeals and jurisdiction), subsection (5) (additional remuneration for designated masters) shall be omitted.