



Electoral Administration Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 22

PART 8

MISCELLANEOUS

Encouraging electoral participation

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- (1) A local electoral officer must take such steps as he thinks appropriate to encourage the participation by electors in the electoral process in the area for which he acts.
- (2) A local electoral officer must have regard to any guidance issued by the Electoral Commission for the purposes of this section.
- (3) This section does not permit an electoral registration officer to undertake any activity in relation to a local government election in Scotland unless the activity relates to a matter falling within Section B3 (elections) of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46) (reserved matters).
- (4) The Secretary of State may reimburse a local electoral officer in respect of any expenditure incurred by the officer for the purposes of this section.
- (5) The amount paid under subsection (4) must not in any year exceed such amount as is determined in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (6) The power to make regulations under subsection (5) is exercisable by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (7) The regulations may make different provision for different purposes.
- (8) A local electoral officer is—
 - (a) an electoral registration officer;
 - (b) a returning officer for an election mentioned in subsection (9).

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- (9) These are the elections—
- (a) parliamentary elections;
 - (b) local government elections in England and Wales and Northern Ireland;
 - ^{F1}(c)
 - (d) elections to the Scottish Parliament;
 - (e) elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly;
 - (f) elections to the National Assembly for Wales.
- (10) References to a local government election must be construed in accordance with the 1983 Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 69(9)(c) repealed (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1** (as amended by [S.I. 2019/1389](#), regs. 1, 2(2))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (E.) (28.7.2007) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2089\)](#), **regs. 8, 11, 13**, {Sch. 4 Table 5}
- C2** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (24.7.2008) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1848\)](#), **regs. 1(2)(3), 8**, {Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 4}
- C3** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (16.12.2010) by [The National Assembly for Wales Referendum \(Assembly Act Provisions\) \(Referendum Question, Date of Referendum Etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2837\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 5** Table
- C4** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (9.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\)\(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/323\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 1** Table 5
- C5** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (18.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Council Tax Increases\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/444\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 1** Table 5 (with reg. 27)
- C6** S. 69 applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (3.8.2012) by [The Neighbourhood Planning \(Referendums\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2031\)](#), regs. 1, 8, 12, 13, **Sch. 4 Pts. 1** Table 5

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 69 partly in force; s. 69 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 77; s. 69 in force for E.W.S. at 1.1.2007 by [S.I. 2006/3412](#), **art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 14** (y) (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 2)

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