

*These notes refer to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions)  
Act 2006 (c.33) which received Royal Assent on 25th July 2006*

# **NORTHERN IRELAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 1: Registration of Electors**

##### ***Section 5: Publication and alteration of registers***

37. This section replaces section 13(1) of the 1983 Act. It retains the current default requirement that a revised and updated register must be published on or before 1st December in a year in which a canvass has been held. For years where no canvass is held in Northern Ireland, it introduces a default requirement that the revised register in Northern Ireland must be published on 1st December.
38. However, whether or not a canvass is held, the Secretary of State has a power to prescribe a later publication date in regulations.
39. In the amendment of section 13 made by this section (and in the amendments made by sections 6 and 7) “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations (see sections 201 and 202 of the 1983 Act).