



Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 33

PART 1

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

Periodical canvass etc.

3 Timing of canvass

After section 10 of the 1983 Act insert—

“10ZA Northern Ireland: timing of canvass

- (1) A canvass under section 10(1A) must be conducted in—
 - (a) the year 2010, unless the Secretary of State makes an order providing that the requirement in this paragraph does not apply;
 - (b) every tenth year following 2010.
- (2) A canvass under section 10(1A) must be conducted in an intervening year if—
 - (a) on or before 15th April in that year, the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland has made a recommendation in favour of a canvass being conducted in that year for the purpose of meeting the relevant registration objectives, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State, having considered the recommendation, has notified the Chief Electoral Officer that he is satisfied that the public interest requires a canvass to be conducted for that purpose.
- (3) If no canvass under section 10(1A) is conducted before the end of 2015, a canvass must be conducted in 2016.
- (4) “Intervening year” means a year other than—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) 2010,
 - (b) every tenth year following 2010, and
 - (c) if no canvass under section 10(1A) is conducted before the end of 2015, 2016.
- (5) The Secretary of State may not make an order under subsection (1)(a) unless—
- (a) on or before 15th April 2010, the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland has made a recommendation against a canvass being conducted in the year 2010 for the purpose of meeting the relevant registration objectives, and
 - (b) the Secretary of State, having considered the recommendation, is satisfied that the public interest does not require a canvass to be conducted for that purpose.
- (6) The power to make an order under subsection (1)(a) is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (7) No order is to be made under subsection (1)(a) unless a draft of the order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (8) “Recommendation” means a written recommendation to the Secretary of State.”