

## Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013

## **2013 CHAPTER 6**

## PART 1

INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION IN GREAT BRITAIN

## 8 Consulting Electoral Commission about proposals under section 7

- (1) If the Minister consults the Electoral Commission about a proposal to make an order under section 7, the Commission must prepare a report assessing—
  - (a) the extent to which the objective in subsection (2) is met,
  - (b) the extent to which the objective would be met if the order were made, and
  - (c) the merits of alternative ways of achieving the objective.
- (2) The objective is to assist registration officers in Great Britain to ascertain—
  - (a) the names and addresses of persons who are not registered in a register but who are entitled to be registered;
  - (b) those persons who are registered in a register but who are not entitled to be registered.
- (3) The Electoral Commission must give a copy of the report to the Minister by the specified date.
- (4) The "specified date" means a date to be specified by the Minister and the date must not be before the end of the period of 3 months beginning with the day on which the Commission is consulted.
- (5) A registration officer in Great Britain must comply with any request made by the Electoral Commission for information that it reasonably requires in connection with the preparation of a report under this section.
- (6) When a draft of a statutory instrument containing an order under section 7 is laid before Parliament (see section 11), it must be accompanied by a report under this section,

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unless the instrument contains provision only for the purpose of reinstating the duty to conduct a canvass as mentioned in section 7(3).