



# European Union Referendum Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 36

### *Supplemental*

#### **9 Regulations**

- (1) Any power under this Act to make regulations, apart from the power of the Electoral Commission under paragraph 16(10) of Schedule 3, is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), a statutory instrument containing regulations under this Act may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a statutory instrument containing only regulations within subsection (4).
- (4) Regulations within this subsection are any of the following—
  - (a) regulations under section 13;
  - (b) regulations made by the Minister under paragraph 16 of Schedule 3.
- (5) Regulations under this Act, other than regulations under section 13 or paragraph 16 of Schedule 3, may contain supplemental, consequential, incidental, transitional or saving provision.
- (6) Section 26 of the Welsh Language Act 1993 (power to prescribe Welsh forms) applies in relation to regulations under this Act as it applies in relation to Acts of Parliament.

#### **10 Financial provisions**

- (1) The following are to be paid out of money provided by Parliament—
  - (a) expenditure incurred under this Act by the Minister;
  - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.
- (2) There is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act.

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## 11 Definitions

(1) In this Act—

“the 1983 Act” means the Representation of the People Act 1983;

“the 2000 Act” means the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000;

“the 2011 Act” means the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011;

“body”, without more, means a body corporate or any combination of persons or other unincorporated association;

“Chief Counting Officer” means the Chief Counting Officer for the referendum (see section 128(2) of the 2000 Act);

“conduct regulations” means regulations under section 4(1)(a);

“counting officer” has the meaning given by paragraph 3 of Schedule 3;

“designated organisation” means a person or body designated under section 108 of the 2000 Act (designation of organisations to whom assistance is available) in respect of the referendum;

“document” means a document in whatever form;

“enactment” includes—

(a) any provision of an Act,

(b) any provision of, or of any instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament,

(c) any provision of, or of any instrument made under, Northern Ireland legislation, and

(d) any provision of subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978);

“Gibraltar conduct law” has the meaning given by section 5(2);

“the Gibraltar standard scale” means the standard scale set out in Part A of Schedule 9 to the Criminal Procedure and Evidence Act;

“the Minister” means the Secretary of State or the <sup>F1</sup>Minister for the Cabinet Office];

“permitted participant” means a person who, in relation to the referendum, is a permitted participant within the meaning given by section 105(1) of the 2000 Act (as modified by paragraph 2 of Schedule 1);

“the referendum” means the referendum under section 1;

“referendum expenses” has the meaning given by section 111 of the 2000 Act (see also paragraph 19 of Schedule 1);

“the referendum period” has the meaning given by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1;

“Regional Counting Officer” means an officer appointed under paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 3;

“registered party” and “minor party” have the same meaning as in the 2000 Act (see section 160(1) of that Act);

“registration officer” has the meaning given by section 8 of the 1983 Act;

“responsible person”, in relation to a permitted participant, means the responsible person within the meaning given by section 105(2) of the 2000 Act (as modified by paragraph 5 of Schedule 1);

“voting area” has the meaning given by subsection (2).

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- (2) Each of the following, as it exists on the day of the referendum, is a “voting area” for the purposes of this Act—
- (a) a district in England for which there is a district council;
  - (b) a county in England in which there are no districts with councils;
  - (c) a London borough;
  - (d) the City of London (including the Inner and Middle Temples);
  - (e) the Isles of Scilly;
  - (f) a county or county borough in Wales;
  - (g) a local government area in Scotland;
  - (h) Northern Ireland;
  - (i) Gibraltar.
- (3) References in this Act to a named Act (with no date) are to the Gibraltar Act of that name.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 11(1) substituted (9.11.2016) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/997\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 30** (with art. 12)

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