

European Union Referendum Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 36

Supplemental

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 Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster;

"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).

- (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.