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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 787**

**The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999**

**PART III**

**THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

**Declarations as to election expenses: registered political parties**

**49.**—(1) Each return delivered under article 47 above shall be accompanied by a declaration made by the nominating officer in the form H set out in the Appendix.

(2) At the same time as the nominating officer for a registered party delivers that return, or within 7 days thereafter, each candidate in a regional list submitted by that registered party shall deliver to the Secretary of State a declaration made by that candidate in the form I set out in the Appendix.

(3) Where any such candidate is out of the United Kingdom when the return is so delivered—

(a) the declaration required by paragraph (2) above may be made by him within 14 days after his return to the United Kingdom; and

(b) in that case, the declaration shall forthwith be delivered to the Secretary of State,

but the delay authorised by this article in making the declaration shall not exonerate the nominating officer from complying with the provisions of this Order relating to the return and declaration as to election expenses.

(4) A declaration as to election expenses under this article may be made either before a justice of the peace or before any person who is the proper officer of a local authority.

(5) If a person knowingly makes the declaration required by this article falsely, he shall be guilty of a corrupt practice.