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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order extends the duration of a service voter's registration as an elector from 12 months to 3 years. It applies only to persons whose service qualification comes from being a member of the forces or the spouse or civil partner of such a member and who are registered pursuant to a service declaration.

Articles 3 and 4 make a consequential amendment to regulation 25(3) in both the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 and the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001. The service voters to which this Order applies will be reminded to renew their service declarations three months before the end of the three year period.