

SCHEDULE 6

Article 83

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

PART I

ELECTION OR RETURN OF CONSTITUENCY MEMBER

<i>Provision applied</i>	<i>Modification</i>
Section 120 (method of questioning parliamentary election)	
Section 121 (presentation and service of parliamentary election petition)	
Section 122 (time for presentation or amendment of parliamentary election petition)	
Section 123 (constitution of election court and place of trial)	
Section 125 (judges' expenses and reception: Scotland)	
Section 126 (attendance of House of Commons shorthand writer)	In subsection (1) for the words from the beginning to “deputy” substitute “A shorthand writer”.  In subsection (2) for “Speaker” substitute “Clerk of the Scottish Parliament”.
Section 136 (security for costs)	
Section 137 (petition at issue)	
Section 138 (list of petitions)	In subsection (1) the words from “, a copy of which” onwards shall be omitted.
Section 139 (trial of petition)	In subsection (3) the words from “the acceptance” to “notwithstanding”, in the third place where it occurs, shall be omitted.  In subsection (6), the reference to the Parliamentary Election Rules shall be construed as a reference to the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules.
Section 140 (witnesses)	Omit subsection (6).
Section 141 (duty to answer relevant questions)	
Section 143 (expenses of witnesses)	
Section 144 (conclusion of trial of parliamentary election petition)	In subsections (2), (4) and (6), for “Speaker” substitute “Clerk of the Scottish Parliament”.  Omit subsections (5) and (7).
Section 146 (special case for determination of High Court)	In subsection (2) for “Speaker” substitute “Clerk of the Scottish Parliament”.

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Section 147 (withdrawal of petition)	
Section 154 (costs of petition)	
Section 155 (neglect or refusal to pay costs)	
Section 156 (further provision as to costs)	
Section 157 (appeals and jurisdiction)	Omit subsections (1), (4), (6) and (8). For subsection (2) substitute— “(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules made under it, the principles, practice and rules on which election courts act in dealing with parliamentary election petitions shall be observed, so far as is appropriate having regard to the different system of election, by the Court of Session and election court in the case of Scottish Parliamentary election petitions”.
Section 158 (report as to candidate guilty of corrupt or illegal practice)	
Section 159 (candidate reported guilty of corrupt or illegal practice)	
Section 160 (persons reported personally guilty of corrupt or illegal practices)	In subsection (4)— after “Commons”, in each place where it occurs, insert “or the Scottish Parliament”.  Omit subsection (6).
Section 161 (justice of the peace)	
Section 162 (member of legal and certain other professions)	
Section 163 (holder of licence or certificate under Licensing Acts).	
Section 164 (avoidance of election for general corruption etc.)	
Section 165 (avoidance of election for employing corrupt agent)	
Section 166 (votes to be struck off for corrupt or illegal practices)	
Section 167 (application for relief)	Omit subsection (5).
Section 168 (prosecutions for corrupt practices)	In subsection (1)(b) for “6 months” substitute “3 months” and for “statutory maximum” substitute “amount specified as level 5 on the standard scale”.
Section 169 (prosecutions for illegal practices)	After “exceeding” insert “the amount specified as”.

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Section 170 (conviction of illegal practice on charge of corrupt practice etc.)	
Section 173 (incapacities on conviction of corrupt or illegal practice)	In subsection (1) after “Commons”, in each place where it occurs, insert “or the Scottish Parliament”.  In subsection (7) after “Commons” insert “, the Scottish Parliament” and after “functions”, where it second occurs, insert “as a member of the Scottish Parliament or”.  Omit subsection 10.
Section 173A (incapacity to hold public or judicial office in Scotland)	
Section 174 (mitigation and remission etc.)	
Section 175 (illegal payments etc.)	
Section 176 (time limit for prosecutions)	Omit subsections (2A) to (2G)(1)
Section 178 (prosecution of offences committed outside United Kingdom)	
Section 179 (offences by associations)	
Section 180 (evidence by certificate of holding of elections)	
Section 180A (evidence by certificate of electoral registration)	
Section 181 (Director of Public Prosecutions)	Omit subsections (2) to (6).
Section 183 (costs)	
Section 184 (service of notices)	
Section 185 (interpretation of Part III)	
Section 186 (computation of time for purposes of Part III)	The reference to “section 119 above” shall be construed as a reference to article 82 and the reference to “Part II of this Act” shall be construed as a reference to Part III of this Order.

## PART II

### ELECTION OR RETURN OF REGIONAL MEMBER

<i>Provision applied</i>	<i>Modification</i>
Section 120 (method of questioning parliamentary election)	At the end insert–

(1) These subsections were inserted by the 2006 Act, section 70.

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	<p>“(3) No election petition may be brought on the grounds of the commission of corrupt or illegal practices or of illegal payments, employments or hirings.</p> <p>(4) No election petition may be brought in any case in which an application may be made under section 18 of the Scotland Act 1998”.</p>
Section 121 (presentation and service of parliamentary election petition)	<p>For subsection (2) substitute–</p> <p>“(2) If the petition complains of the conduct of–</p> <p>(a) the regional returning officer,</p> <p>(b) any constituency returning officer,</p> <p>the officer (or officers) in question shall be deemed to be the respondent (or respondents), together with any regional member returned at the election.”.</p>
Section 122 (time for presentation or amendment of parliamentary election petition)	<p>For the section substitute–</p> <p>“<b>122.</b> An election petition shall be presented within 21 days after the day on which the result of the election was declared under rule 66 of the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules in Schedule 2 to the Order.”</p>
Section 123 (constitution of election court and place of trial)	Omit subsections (3) and (4).
Section 125 (judges' expenses and reception: Scotland)	
Section 126 (attendance of House of Commons of shorthand writer)	<p>In subsection (1) for the words from the beginning to “deputy” substitute “A shorthand writer”.</p> <p>In subsection (2) for “Speaker” substitute “Clerk of the Scottish Parliament”.</p>
Section 136 (security for costs)	
Section 137 (petition at issue)	
Section 139 (trial of petition)	<p>In subsection (3) for the words from “the acceptance” to the end substitute “that one (or more) of the respondents is no longer a member of the Scottish Parliament.”.</p> <p>Omit subsection (4).</p> <p>In subsection (6), the reference to the Parliamentary Election Rules shall be construed as a reference to the Scottish Parliamentary Election Rules.</p>
Section 140 (witnesses)	Omit subsection (6).

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Section 141 (duty to answer relevant questions)	
Section 143 (expenses of witnesses)	
Section 144 (conclusion of trial of parliamentary election petition)	<p>In subsection (1) for the words from “the member” to “void” substitute–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>“(a) the member or members whose election is complained of was or were duly elected,</li><li>(b) some other person or persons should have been declared to be elected, or</li><li>(c) the election of all members for that region was void.”.</li></ul> <p>In subsection (2) for “Speaker” substitute “Clerk of the Scottish Parliament”.</p> <p>For subsection (3) substitute–</p> <p>“(3) If the judges constituting the election court differ as to any matter which they are required to determine, they shall certify that difference and, except to the extent that the judges are agreed otherwise, the result of the election shall stand.”.</p> <p>Omit subsections (4) to (7).</p>
Section 154 (costs of petition)	
Section 155 (neglect or refusal to pay costs)	
Section 157 (appeals and jurisdiction), subsections (3) and (7)	
Section 160 (persons reported personally guilty of corrupt or illegal practices)	<p>Omit subsections (1) to (3) and (6).</p> <p>In subsection (4)–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) for the words “reported by an election court personally guilty” substitute “convicted”;</li><li>(b) after “Kingdom” insert “or election to the Scottish Parliament”; and</li><li>(c) after “Commons”, in each place where it occurs, insert “or the Scottish Parliament”.</li></ul>
Section 167 (application for relief)	<p>Omit subsection (5).</p>
Section 168 (prosecutions for corrupt practices)	<p>In subsection (1)(b) for “6 months” substitute “3 months” and for “statutory maximum” substitute “amount specified as level 5 on the standard scale”.</p>
Section 169 (prosecutions for illegal practices)	<p>For the words from the beginning to “prosecution” substitute–</p>

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	<p>“A person who is guilty of an illegal practice shall be liable–</p> <p>(a) in the case of an illegal practice under article 42 or 47 of the Order (as applied by article 83 of the Order), on conviction on indictment to a fine;</p> <p>(b) in the case of any illegal practice (including the ones mentioned in paragraph (a)), on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the amount specified as level 5 on the standard scale;</p> <p>and on a prosecution”.</p>
Section 170 (conviction of illegal practice on charge of corrupt practice etc.)	
Section 173A (incapacity to hold public or judicial office in Scotland)	
Section 174 (mitigation and remission etc.)	<p>Omit subsections (1) to (4).</p> <p>In subsection (5) omit–</p> <p>(a) “or the report of an election court”; and</p> <p>(b) “or report”, in both places where the words occur.</p>
Section 175 (illegal payments etc.)	<p>In subsection (2) omit the words from “and if” to the end.</p>
Section 176 (time limit for prosecutions)	Omit subsections (2A) to (2G)
Section 178 (prosecution of offences committed outside United Kingdom)	
Section 179 (offences by associations)	
Section 180 (evidence by certificate of holding of elections)	<p>Omit paragraph (b).</p> <p>After paragraph (ii) insert “and</p> <p>(iii) that a registered party named in the certificate submitted a regional list at the election.”.</p>
Section 180A (evidence by certificate of electoral registration)	
Section 181 (Director of Public Prosecutions)	Omit subsections (2) to (6).
Section 183 (costs)	
Section 184 (service of notices)	
Section 185 (interpretation of Part III)	<p>At the end, insert</p> <p>“the Order” means the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007.”.</p>

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Section 186 (computation of time for purposes of Part III)	The reference to “section 119 above” shall be construed as a reference to article 82 and the reference to “Part II of this Act” shall be construed as reference to Part III of this Order.