

SCHEDULE 5

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REFERENDUMS (COMBINATION OF POLLS) RULES

PART 1

Citation and Interpretation

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Neighbourhood Planning Referendums (Combination of Polls) Rules.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Rules—

[^{F1}“anonymous elector’s document” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1) of the Voter Identification Regulations 2022;]

“polling agent” means a person appointed as such under—

- (a) rule 30 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983,
- (b) rule 30 of Schedule 1, paragraph 31 of Schedule 2 or paragraph 30 of Schedule 3, to the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2007 ^{M1};
- (c) rule 29 of Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 ^{M2};
- (d) rule 27 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 ^{M3};
- (e) rule 27 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 ^{M4};
- (f) ^{F2} ...
- (g) rule 31 of Schedule 3 to the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 ^{M5};

“relevant returning or counting officer” means the returning or counting officer (as the case may be) discharging the functions under regulation 5 of the Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004 ^{M6}; ^{F3} ...

[^{F4}“temporary electoral identity document” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1) of the Voter Identification Regulations 2022; and]

“voter” means a person entitled to vote on their own behalf.

(2) References to the register of local government electors (other than a reference to a person's number on the register) must be construed as references to the part or parts of the register or registers of local government electors which has or have effect in respect of the referendum area.

(3) References to the relevant registration officer are to—

- (a) the registration officer of the relevant council;
- (b) if the referendum area comprises any part of the area of more than one relevant council, the registration officer of the relevant council in whose portion of the referendum area the greater or greatest (as the case may be) number of electors is registered.

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(4) Other expressions used both in these Rules and in the 1983 Act (as it applies to local government elections) have the same meaning in these Rules as they have in that Act.

- F1** Words in Sch. 5 rule 2(1) inserted (16.1.2023) by [The Voter Identification Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1382\)](#), regs. 1(3), **66(3)(a)** (with reg. 1(6)(7))
- F2** Sch. 5 rule 2(1)(f) revoked (31.12.2020) by [The European Parliamentary Elections Etc. \(Repeal, Revocation, Amendment and Saving Provisions\) \(United Kingdom and Gibraltar\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1310\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 Pt. 2** Table 1 (as amended by S.I. 2019/1389, regs. 1, **2(2)**)
- F3** Word in Sch. 5 rule 2(1) omitted (16.1.2023) by virtue of [The Voter Identification Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1382\)](#), regs. 1(3), **66(3)(b)** (with reg. 1(6)(7))
- F4** Words in Sch. 5 rule 2(1) inserted (16.1.2023) by [The Voter Identification Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1382\)](#), regs. 1(3), **66(3)(c)** (with reg. 1(6)(7))

Marginal Citations

- M1** [S.I. 2007/3541](#).
- M2** [S.I. 2007/1024](#).
- M3** [S.I. 2006/3305](#).
- M4** [S.I. 2006/3304](#).
- M5** [S.I. 2012/1917](#).
- M6** [S.I. 2004/294](#); as amended by [S.I. 2006/3278](#) and as modified by these Regulations.

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- Sch. 3 rule 25 table words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 18\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 25 table words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 18\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 25(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 18\(3\)\(c\)](#)
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