
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 1116

The Anonymous Registration (Northern Ireland) Order 2014

Parliamentary elections

Amendments of the 1985 Act

- 5.—(1) The 1985 Act is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 5 (manner of voting at parliamentary elections)(1), after subsection (5A) insert—
- “(5AA) Nothing in subsections (1) to (5) applies to a person who has an anonymous entry in the register of parliamentary electors for the constituency; and such a person may only vote by post or by proxy (where entitled as an elector to vote by post or, as the case may be, by proxy at the election).”.
- (3) In section 6 (absent vote at elections for an indefinite period)—
- (a) before subsection (2)(a) insert—
- “(za) if he has an anonymous entry,”; and
- (b) after subsection (4)(b) insert—
- “(ba) if he ceases to have an anonymous entry, or”.
- (4) In section 7 (absent vote at a particular election and absent voters list), after subsection (4) insert—
- “(4A) But in the case of a person who has an anonymous entry, the list mentioned in subsection (4)(a) or (b) must contain only—
- (a) the person’s electoral number, and
- (b) the date on which the person’s entitlement to remain registered anonymously will terminate under section 9C(1A) of the principal Act (in the absence of a further application under section 9B of that Act).”.
- (5) In section 9 (voting as proxy)—
- (a) after subsection (1) insert—
- “(1A) But in the case of a person entitled to vote as proxy for an elector who has an anonymous entry—
- (a) subsection (1) does not apply, and
- (b) the person may only so vote by post (where entitled as a proxy to vote by post).”;
- (b) in subsection (4), at the end of paragraph (b) insert “or” and after that paragraph insert—
- “(c) the elector has an anonymous entry,”;
- (c) in subsection (7), at the end of paragraph (b) insert “or” and after that paragraph insert—
- “(c) the elector has an anonymous entry.”;

(1) Sections 5 to 9 were repealed in respect of England, Scotland and Wales only by section 12 of, and Part 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Sections 5 to 9 were amended in relation to Northern Ireland only by paragraphs 12 to 17 of Schedule 6 to, and by Part 3 of Schedule 7 to, the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2).

(d) after subsection (9) insert—

“(9A) In the case of a person who has an anonymous entry, the list mentioned in subsection (9)(a) or (b) must contain only—

- (a) the person’s electoral number, and
- (b) the date on which the entitlement of the person to remain registered anonymously will terminate under section 9C(1A) of the principal Act (in the absence of a further application under section 9B of that Act).

(9B) In the case of a person who is the proxy for an elector who has an anonymous entry, the list mentioned in subsection (9)(a) or (b) must contain only—

- (a) the person’s electoral number, and
- (b) the date on which the elector’s entitlement to remain registered anonymously will terminate under section 9C(1A) of the principal Act (in the absence of a further application under section 9B of that Act).”;

(e) in subsection (11), after paragraph (b) insert—

“(ba) where he was included in the record on the ground mentioned in subsection (4)(c), if the elector ceases to have an anonymous entry,”.