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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 699**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Representation of the People (Electronic Communications and Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2018**

*Made* - - - - 29th May 2018  
*Coming into force* - - 30th May 2018

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

In accordance with section 8(3) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000(1), the Secretary of State considers that the authorisation of the use of electronic communications by these Regulations for any purpose is such that the extent (if any) to which records of things done for that purpose will be available will be no less satisfactory than in other cases.

The Secretary of State has consulted the Electoral Commission and the Information Commissioner and such other persons as the Secretary of State considered appropriate, in accordance with section 53(5) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(2) and section 7(1) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(3).

In accordance with section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, section 9(4) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 and sections 18(8) and 21(6) of the Recall of MPs Act 2015(4), a draft of this instrument was laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

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(1) 2000 c.7; by virtue of section 9(1)(a) the Secretary of State is the “appropriate Minister”.  
(2) 1983 c.2; section 53(5) was inserted by paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c.6).  
(3) 2000 c.41; section 7(1)(k) was inserted by paragraph 3(6) of Schedule 6 to the Recall of MPs Act 2015 (c.25).  
(4) 2015 c.25.