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# (1) Election of Drainage Boards

THE LAND DRAINAGE (ELECTION OF DRAINAGE BOARDS) REGULATIONS, 1938, DATED JUNE 2, 1938, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES UNDER THE LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930 (20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 44).

## 1938 No. 558

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (hereinafter called "the Minister") in exercise of the powers conferred upon him under the Land Drainage Act, 1930, hereby makes the following regulations:—

#### Part I.—As to Register of Electors

- 1. A Catchment Board, or a Drainage Board (subject to the approval of the Catchment Board, or if there is no Catchment Board, with the approval of the Minister), may divide a drainage district into electoral districts and may determine the number of members to be elected by each such electoral district.
- 2.—(1) The Clerk of the Drainage Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Clerk") shall prepare as soon as practicable after the provisions of Section 33 of the Land Drainage Act, 1930, have been applied to the Board either by a scheme under Part II or an Order under Part III of the said Act, a register in respect of the district or of each electoral district, if any, containing in consecutive numerical order, the names (in alphabetical order) of those persons who are entitled to vote at an election of members of the Drainage Board or of members thereof to represent each electoral district as the case may be. The register shall also contain a description of the property in respect of which each elector is entitled to vote, the rateable value of the property for drainage rates and the number of votes to which each elector is entitled. An elector owning or occupying property in two or more electoral districts shall be entered on the register in respect of his property in each district.

- (2) The register shall consist of two parts containing the names of those persons who are qualified by reason of (A) the ownership and (B) the occupation of land respectively.
- (3) If any land is owned or occupied by joint owners or joint occupiers such joint owners or joint occupiers may for the purpose of this Rule agree upon one of their number to be deemed to be the owner or occupier of the land and his name shall thereupon be placed on the register. In default of such agreement only the name of the joint owner or occupier (as the case may be) whose name appears first when the names are arranged in alphabetical order shall be placed on the register.
- (4) Where a person is qualified as an elector in respect of both the ownership and occupation of any land he shall be entitled to be entered on the register and vote in both capacities.
- 3.—(1) The Clerk shall publish a notice of the proposed register in the manner prescribed in Rule 28.
  - (2) The notice shall contain the following particulars:—
    - (a) the place where a copy of the proposed register may at all reasonable times for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the notice be inspected by persons interested;
    - (b) the time, being not less than 14 days, within which any person may claim to be registered as an elector or with a different number of votes or any person on the register or any person who has made a claim to be registered as an elector may object to the registration of some other person whose name appears in the proposed register or to the number of votes allotted to him.
- (3) Any person who claims to be registered as an elector and whose name is not already on the register shall send the claim to the Clerk, specifying the property in respect of which his claim is made and the estimated annual value of the property.
- (4) In the event of any claims being received the Clerk shall as soon as practicable, give notice in the manner prescribed in Rule 28 that a list of claims has been prepared.
  - (5) The notice shall contain the following particulars:—
    - (a) the place where a copy of the list may at all reasonable times for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the notice be inspected by persons interested;
    - (b) the time, being not less than 14 days, within which any person on the register of electors or any person who has made a claim to be registered as an elector may object to the claim of any other person in the list.
- (6) Any person whose name appears on the register as an elector or any person who has made a claim to be registered as an elector may
  - (a) object to the registration of any other person who is included in the register, or to the number of votes allotted to him, by sending notice of objection containing a statement of the

- grounds on which such objection is based to the Clerk within the time prescribed by paragraph (2) of this rule;
- (b) object to the claim of any other person to be registered as an elector or to the number of votes claimed by him by sending notice of objection containing such statement as aforesaid to the Clerk within the time prescribed by paragraph (5) of this rule;
- (7) The Clerk shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any notice of objection, send a copy of the notice to the person in respect of whose registration, number of votes or claim the notice of objection is given.
- (8) The Drainage Board shall, as soon as practicable, consider all claims of which notice is given to them in accordance with this Rule, and in respect of which no notice of objection has been given, and, if the Board consider that the claim may be allowed without further enquiry, shall give notice to the claimant that his claim is allowed. If the Board are not satisfied that any such claim can be allowed without enquiry they shall give at least five clear days' notice to the claimant of the time and place at which the claim will be considered by them.
- (9) The Drainage Board shall, as soon as practicable, consider any objection of which notice has been given to them in accordance with this Rule, and for that purpose shall give at least five clear days' notice to the objector and to the person in respect of whose registration, number of votes or claim to registration the notice of objection has been given, of the time and place at which the objection will be considered by them.
- (10) The decision of the Drainage Board on any claim or objection shall be final.
- (11) The Drainage Board, having considered and determined all claims and objections, shall approve the register with such additions and amendments as may be necessary, and notice of such approval shall be published in the manner prescribed in Rule 28.
  - (12) The notice shall contain the following particulars:—
    - (a) the date of the approval of the register by the Drainage Board;
    - (b) the place where the register may at all reasonable times be inspected by persons interested.
- (13) No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or place on the register shall prejudice the operation of these rules as respects that person or place, provided that the person or place is so designated as to be commonly understood.
- (14) The register shall be revised in the month of April immediately preceding each triennial election of members of the Drainage Board.

## Part II.—As to Elections

#### A.--General

4.—(1) The Returning Officer shall be the Clerk of the Drainage Board, or, if there is no Clerk, some person nominated in writing by

the Chairman of the Drainage Board. If at any time, from any default of such Clerk or Chairman or from any other reason, there is no Returning Officer, or such Returning Officer is unwilling or unable to act, the Catchment Board within whose area the district of the Drainage Board is situated, or if there is no such Catchment Board, the Minister may, on the application of any member of the Board appoint a Returning Officer.

- (2) The Returning Officer may, in writing, appoint a fit person or persons to be his Deputy or Deputies for all or any of the purposes relating to the election of members of the Drainage Board. A deputy returning officer shall have all the powers, duties and liabilities of the Returning Officer in relation to the matters in respect of which he is appointed a deputy.
- 5. The day or days of the poll for the election of the Members of a Drainage Board shall be such day or days between the 24th day of October and 1st day of November as may be fixed by the Drainage Board.
- 6. The Returning Officer shall according to the direction of the Drainage Board either—
  - (a) publish between the 7th and the 15th days of September a notice of election in the Form No. 1 in the Schedule to these Rules and such notice shall be published in the manner prescribed in Rule 28, not less than 14 clear days before the date fixed in the notice as the last day for the receipt of nominations by the Returning Officer, or
  - (b) publish a notice of the election and of a meeting or meetings of electors for the nomination of members at such place within (a) the drainage district or (b) the town or place where the offices of the Drainage Board are situate, or (c) some other convenient centre adjudged reasonable by the Drainage Board and on such day or days and at such time or times between the 24th and 30th days of September as the Drainage Board may appoint. The notice shall be in the Form No. 2 in the Schedule to these Regulations and shall be published in the manner prescribed in Rule 28, not less than 14 clear days before the day or any of the days fixed for the meeting or meetings.
- 7.—(1) Each candidate for election as a member of a Drainage Board shall be nominated in writing by an elector.
- (2) The Returning Officer shall provide nomination papers and any elector may obtain the same from him free of charge.
- (3) Every nomination paper shall be in the Form No. 3 in the Schedule to these Regulations or in a form substantially to the like effect, and—
  - (a) shall state the surname and other name or names in full of the candidate and his place of abode, description and qualification, and
  - (b) shall be signed by the nominator and witnessed by two other persons.

- (4) No candidate may be nominated for more than one electoral district.
- (5) The names of more than one candidate shall not be inserted in any one nomination paper.
- (6) Any elector of the Drainage District or of any electoral district (as the case may be) may sign nomination papers for as many candidates as there are members to be elected for such Drainage District or electoral district (as the case may be), but no more. An elector being registered as an elector in two or more electoral districts may nominate candidates in each of such electoral districts.
- (7) If any elector shall sign nomination papers for a larger number of candidates than there are members to be elected for the electoral district such of the nomination papers signed by him as are first received by the Returning Officer up to the number of members to be so elected shall alone be valid. Provided that for the purposes of this paragraph nomination papers not properly filled up and signed shall be excluded
- (8) The Returning Officer shall number the nomination papers in the order in which they are received by him, and the first valid nomination paper received by him for a candidate shall be deemed to effect the nomination of that candidate.
- (9) The Returning Officer shall, as regards each candidate, decide whether he has been nominated by a valid nomination paper, and his decision whether a nomination paper is or is not valid, that is to say, whether the candidate is or is not duly qualified and whether the nomination paper has or has not been properly filled up and signed by the nominator and witnessed by two other persons, and whether it is or is not invalid under Rule 10, if such rule is applicable, shall be final and shall not be questioned in any proceedings whatever. Provided that the Returning Officer shall not be required to decide before the date of the election whether any nomination paper is invalid by reason of the non-payment of any rate.
- (10) If the Returning Officer shall decide that a candidate has not been nominated by a valid nomination paper, he shall forthwith put a note on the nomination paper stating the grounds of his decision and shall sign such note.

## B.—If a Meeting is held

- **8.**—(1) The Returning Officer shall preside at the Meeting and shall ask that nomination papers shall be handed in to him and they shall be handed in accordingly.
- (2) When the Returning Officer shall decide, in accordance with paragraph 10 of Rule 7 that a nomination paper is invalid and shall have put and signed a note on the nomination paper stating the grounds of his decision, he shall state the effect of it to the Meeting.
- (3) When it shall appear to the Returning Officer that all nomination papers have been handed in (including any nomination paper in substitution for one decided to be invalid) and not less than ten minutes shall have elapsed since he took the chair, he shall state to the Meeting the names of the duly nominated candidates in the alphabetical order of their surnames, and also their places of abode and their descriptions

- and qualifications, and the names of their proposers. After such statement has been made, no other nomination paper shall be received.
- (4) At the Meeting any candidate may withdraw his candidature. Every withdrawal shall either be in writing signed by the candidate and handed to the Returning Officer, or, if the candidate is present at the Meeting, be declared by word of mouth in which case the Returning Officer shall thereupon write "Candidature withdrawn" on the back of the nomination paper and the candidate shall sign his name or initials thereto. Except as aforesaid, no candidature shall be withdrawn at the Meeting.
- (5) If by such withdrawals the number of candidates be reduced below the number of persons to be elected, the Returning Officer shall, if desired by any elector present at the Meeting, allow a reasonable time at the Meeting during which further nomination papers may be handed in.
- (6) If any such further nomination papers are handed in as aforesaid the provision of Rule 7 shall apply thereto.
- 9.—(1) If the candidates (including those whose nominations are handed in under paragraph (5) of Rule 8) whose nominations respectively the Returning Officer decides to be valid and whose respective candidatures are not withdrawn, are not more in number than the persons to be elected, those candidates shall be deemed to be duly elected, and shall be declared by the Returning Officer to be elected.
- (2) The Returning Officer shall, as early as practicable after the Meeting, by notice in accordance with Rule 28 certify in the Form No. 4 in the Schedule to these Rules, the names, place of abode, description and qualification of each of the persons elected, and inform each of the persons elected of the fact of his election.

#### C.—If a Meeting is not held

- 10. Every nomination paper shall be sent to the Returning Officer so that it shall be received at his office within the time prescribed for that purpose in the notice of election. A nomination paper received after that time shall not be valid. The Returning Officer shall note on each nomination paper whether it was received before or after that time.
- 11. After deciding that a nomination paper of any candidate is invalid (except where the nomination of the candidate by any other nomination paper has been decided to be valid) the Returning Officer shall on the day following the last day for the receipt of nominations send, by post or otherwise, notice of his decision to the candidate.
- 12. If the number of candidates who receive valid nominations does not exceed the number of members to be elected the Returning Officer shall give public notice in accordance with Rule 28 in the Form No. 5 in the Schedule to these Rules stating that no poll will be held and declaring the candidates to be elected and shall inform each of the persons elected of the fact of his election.

#### D.—General

- 13. If at the expiration of the time fixed for nomination, more candidates stand nominated than there are vacancies to be filled up, the Returning Officer shall (except as hereinafter mentioned) arrange for a poll to be taken.
- 14. If a poll has to be taken the Returning Officer shall on the day after the Meeting or after the last day for the receipt of nominations by him, as the case may be, publish in accordance with Rule 28 and affix on the principal door of the Office of the Drainage Board a statement containing the names, places of abode, descriptions and qualifications of the persons nominated for election, and also containing a notice of his decision as regards each candidate as to whether he has been nominated by a valid nomination paper or not. He shall also send by post or otherwise to each candidate who has been nominated and has not withdrawn a notification of his nomination.
- 15. Any candidate who has been duly nominated may, before 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the fourth day after the receipt of notice of his nomination sent to him pursuant to Rule 14, withdraw his candidature by delivering or causing to be delivered at the office of the Returning Officer a notice in writing of such withdrawal signed by him.
- 16. If by the withdrawal of any candidate as provided by Rule 15, the number of candidates is reduced to a number not exceeding the number of persons to be elected, or if the number of candidates is otherwise so reduced, the Returning Officer shall give public notice in accordance with Rule 28 in the Form No. 5 in the Schedule to these Rules stating that no poll will be held and declaring the remaining candidates to be elected and shall inform each of the persons elected of the fact of his election.
- 17. If the number of valid nominations is less than the number of members to be elected, or if there is no valid nomination, the Returning Officer shall as soon as practicable give notice thereof to such number of the retiring members of the Drainage Board (or of the retiring members for the electoral district concerned, as the case may be), as is required to make up the number of members to be elected, and he shall forthwith declare such retiring members to be re-elected, or if no previous election has been held, to be elected. Members so declared to be elected or re-elected shall be such as were highest on the poll at the last election, or if the poll was equal or there was no poll or no previous election has been held, as shall have been selected by lot for that purpose by the Returning Officer.
- 18. If a poll has to be taken the Returning Officer shall as soon as practicable after the expiration of the fourth day specified in Rule 15 publish in accordance with Rule 28 a notice of the poll in the Form No. 6 in the Schedule to these Rules and not less than seven days before the poll, shall send by post to each qualified elector or to his Deputy duly appointed a voting paper in the Form No. 7 in the Schedule to these Rules or in a form substantially to the like effect in respect of

each hereditament owned by him and a voting paper as aforesaid in respect of each hereditament occupied by him. Each form shall bear in the right-hand top corner the name of the elector and number corresponding with the number of the elector in the Register, and the number of votes to which such elector is entitled.

- 19. An elector who has not received a voting paper sent by post as aforesaid to his address as appearing on the register, or who has before re-delivery thereof to the returning officer inadvertently spoilt his voting paper in such manner that it cannot be conveniently used as a voting paper, or who has lost his voting paper, may on his transmitting to the Returning Officer a declaration signed by himself before the Returning Officer or a Justice of the Peace setting forth the facts of the non-receipt, the inadvertent spoiling, or the loss of the voting paper, require the Returning Officer to send him a new voting paper in place of the one not received, or spoilt or lost, and in case the voting paper has been spoilt, the spoilt voting paper shall be returned to the Returning Officer and when received by him shall be immediately cancelled, and in every case when a new voting paper is issued a mark shall be placed opposite the number of the elector's name on the register, to denote that a new voting paper has been issued in place of the one not received, or spoilt or lost.
- 20.—(1) Votes may be given either personally or by deputy. A deputy shall be appointed in writing by the appointer either generally or in relation to a particular election, but he shall not be entitled to vote unless the instrument appointing him shall have been deposited at the office of the Drainage Board not later than the date of the Meeting or if there is no Meeting than the last day fixed for the receipt of nominations.

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- (2) Such deputy shall be appointed in the case of a University or a College within the meaning of the Universities and College Estates 15 & 16 Geo. Act, 1925, either under the Common Seal or under the hands of the Head or Senior Bursar or Treasurer of such College, in the case of any other Corporation aggregate either under their common seal or under the hand of the Secretary of the Corporation, and in the case of Local Authorities in the manner prescribed by law for the execution of documents by such bodies. In other cases the Returning Officer shall record the vote of a deputy if his appointment as such appears to him to be sufficiently authenticated.
  - Each elector may vote for as many candidates as there are members to be elected and no more. He shall record the votes to which he is entitled in favour of such candidates as he thinks fit by placing opposite to the name of each candidate the number of votes he wishes to record in favour of that candidate but the number of votes so recorded for any one candidate shall not exceed the number to which the elector is entitled.
  - The voting paper shall be filled in, and signed by the elector in the presence of a witness who must write his name and address in the margin.

- 23. In place of any signature required by these Rules it shall be sufficient for the signatory to affix his mark in the presence of two witnesses who must write their names and addresses in the margin.
- 24. The Returning Officer shall keep all the voting papers received by him until the expiration of the time appointed for their return to him, and immediately thereafter proceed to count the votes, and forthwith declare the candidates who have gained the majority of the votes polled to be elected.
- 25. If an equality of votes is found to exist between any of the candidates and the addition of a vote would enable any of such candidates to be declared elected the Returning Officer shall determine by lot which of the candidates whose votes are equal shall be elected.
- 26. The declaration of the result of the Poll shall be in Form No. 8 in the Schedule to these Rules or in a form to the like effect. The Returning Officer making the declaration shall forthwith publish the same in accordance with Rule 28 and send a copy to the Clerk of the Drainage Board (if he is not the Returning Officer) and also to the Clerk of the Catchment Board (if any). In the case of the Board of a Drainage District outside any Catchment Area, the Returning Officer shall send a copy to the Clerk of the Council of each County and County Borough in which the Drainage or Electoral District or any part thereof is situate.
- 27. The voting papers (including invalid and spoilt papers) shall be kept in a secure place by the Returning Officer for the period of six months from the date of the election. At the end of that period they shall be destroyed and during that period they shall not be shown to any person except in pursuance of an order of a court of law.
- 28. Any notice, certificate or declaration required by these Rules shall be given by inserting the same in one or more newspapers circulating in the Drainage District or otherwise in such manner as the Minister considers sufficient and so directs.
- 29. Any expenses properly incurred by the Returning Officer in the execution of these Rules shall be deemed to be part of the general expenses of the Drainage Board and shall be defrayed accordingly.
- 30. These Regulations may be cited as "The Land Drainage (Election of Drainage Boards) Regulations, 1938," and the Land Drainage (Election of Drainage Boards) Regulations, 1932(a), are hereby revoked.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this second day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

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Donald Fergusson, Secretary.

# SCHEDULE FORM No. 1 LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930.

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#### Notice of Election

- 1. Notice is hereby given that the day (or days) of the poll for the election of members of the Drainage Board for (the several electoral districts of) the above named Drainage District will, if a poll shall be necessary, be
- 2. The number of members of the Drainage Board (for the several electoral districts) is as follows:—(a)
- 3. Each Candidate for election must be nominated in writing and the nomination paper must be sent to me, so that it shall be received at not later than 12 noon on day the day of , 19 .
- 4. An elector may not sign more nomination papers than there are members to be elected for (the electoral districts of) the Drainage District.
- 5. Forms of nomination paper may be obtained free of charge from me at

Dated this day of , 19 .

(Signed)

Clerk of the Drainage Board and Returning Officer.

Address....

- (a) Insert here the names of the electoral districts (if any) with the number to be elected for each.
- N.B.—Votes at the election of members of a Drainage Board may be given either personally or by deputy. A deputy shall be appointed in writing by the appointer either generally or in relation to a particular election, but he shall not be entitled to vote unless the instrument appointing him shall have been deposited at the office of the Drainage Board not later than the date of the Meeting or if there is no Meeting than the last day fixed for the receipt of nominations.

# FORM No. 2 Land Drainage Act, 1930.

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Notice of I	Election and of Meetin	g for Nomination	
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6. Forms of nominati	ion paper may be obtai	ned free of charge from	n me at
Dated this	day of	, 19 .	
(Signed)			
C	lerk of the Drainage Bo	oard and Returning Of	ficer.
Address			

- (a) Insert here the names of the electoral districts (if any) with the number to be elected for each.
- (b) Insert here the names of the electoral districts (if any) and the places and times of meeting.
- N.B.—Votes at the election of members of a Drainage Board may be given either personally or by deputy. A deputy shall be appointed in writing by the appointer either generally or in relation to a particular election, but he shall not be entitled to vote unless the instrument appointing him shall have been deposited at the office of the Drainage Board not later than the date of the Meeting or if there is no Meeting than the last day fixed for the receipt of nominations.

## FORM No. 3

# LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930.

Form of Nomination Paper

		Drainage District.			
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Election of Members of		Year 19 .		Drainage Board in the	
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Names of	Candidate.	Place of		Qualification (specify qualification	
Surname. Other names in full. 2.		Abode.	Description. 4.	according to directions in the instructions on back).	
Particulars	of Land(s)	in respect of is clai	which qualifica med.	tion of the Candidate	
Parish		No. of Assessment in Rate Book (As given in Rate Demand)		Description (As given in Rate Demand)	
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Particulars	of Land(s)	in respect of is clai	which qualificamed.	ation of the Proposer	
Parish		No. of Assessment in Rate Book (As given in Rate Demand)		Description (As given in Rate Demand)	
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#### Instructions

The Land Drainage Act, 1930, provides that the qualification for membership of a Drainage Board shall be as follows:—

- "1. No person shall be qualified for election as a member of a Drainage Board unless he is either—
  - (a) the owner of not less than ten acres of land in respect of which a drainage rate may be levied by the board and situate in the electoral district for which he is a candidate for election; or
  - (b) the occupier, whether under tenancies of year to year or otherwise, of not less than twenty acres of such land as aforesaid; or
  - (c) the owner or occupier of land which is of the annual value of thirty pounds or upwards and situate in the electoral district for which he is a candidate for election; or
  - (d) a person nominated as a candidate for election by the owner (whether the owner is an individual or a body of persons) of land which is situate in the electoral district in question, and is either of not less than ten acres in extent or of the annual value of thirty pounds or upwards.

#### Provided that-

- (i) No person shall be deemed to be qualified as aforesaid as being an occupier of any land if at the date of the election any amount demanded in respect of any drainage rate levied on that land has remained unpaid for more than one month; and
- (ii) no person shall be deemed to be qualified as aforesaid as being the owner or a person nominated by the owner, of any land if at the date of the election any amount demanded in respect of any owner's drainage rate levied in respect of that land has remained unpaid for more than one month."

If the candidate is registered as an elector in Part A (owner's register) of the Register of Electors insert in column 5 "ownership of land"; if in part B (occupier's register) of the Register of Electors insert in column 5 "occupation of land"; and if registered in both parts then insert, if desired, "ownership and occupation of land". If the candidate is a person nominated as a candidate for election by the owner of land which is situate in the electoral district in question and is either of not less than ten acres in extent or the annual value of thirty pounds or upwards then insert in column 5 "nominated by owner".

The paper must be signed by the proposer in the presence of two witnesses. The place of abode of the proposer and the witnesses and the qualification of the proposer must also be inserted. Instead of signing the proposer may affix his or her mark if it is witnessed by the witnesses.

An elector must not sign more nomination papers than there are members to be elected for the (electoral districts of the) Drainage Board and he must not sign a nomination paper for (any electoral district of) the Drainage Board unless he is registered as an elector therein. An elector registered as an elector in two or more electoral districts in the above Drainage Board may sign nomination papers for candidates in each of such electoral districts.

- N.B.—If at the date of the election any amount demanded in respect of
  - (a) any drainage rate levied on any land in respect of the occupation of which the qualification of the candidate or of the proposer is claimed,
- or (b) any owners' drainage rate levied on any land in respect of the ownership of which the qualification of the candidate or of the proposer is claimed,

has remained unpaid for more than one month, the nomination will be void.

#### FORM No. 4

### LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930.

Drainage Distri	ct
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Certificate by Returning Officer when No Poll.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the Meeting (or Meetings) held on the day of , 19 , do hereby certify that the following Candidates were declared by me at the meeting to be elected as Members of the Drainage Board for (the several Electoral Districts of) the above named Drainage District.

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Electoral District.	Names of Candidates (Surnames first).	Place of Abode.	Description.	Qualification.		
Dated th	nis	day of	, 19	•		
Address	Returning Officer. Address					
FORM No. 5 LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930.						
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## Declaration by Returning Officer when No Poll

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer for the election of Members of the Drainage Board (for the several electoral districts) of the above-named Drainage District do hereby declare that as the number of candidates does not exceed the number of persons to be elected the following Candidates are elected as Members of the Drainage Board for (the several electoral districts of) the Drainage District.

Electoral District.	Names of Candidates (Surnames first).	Place of Abode.	Description.	Qualification.
Dated th	nis	day of	, 19	•
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# FORM No. 6 LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930. Notice of Poll Notice is Hereby Given: 1. That a Poll for the election of Members of the Drainage Board (for the several electoral districts) of the above-named Drainage District will be taken. 2. That the number of Members to be elected (for the several electoral districts) is as follows:—(a) 3. That the names in alphabetical order, places of abode, and descriptions of the Candidates for election and the names of their respective proposers are as follows:--Name of Names of Electoral Candidates Place of Descrip-Oualifica-Proposers District. (Surnames Abode. tion. (Surnames tion. first). first). 4. A voting paper will be sent by post to every elector whose name appears in the Register of Electors and who is entitled to vote at this election, with the number of votes he is entitled to record, with instructions for filling up. 5. Every voting paper properly filled up must be delivered to me by prepaid post or otherwise at the undermentioned address (being the Office for the purpose of election) not later than 12 noon on day, the , 19 day of

, 19 Dated this day of Returning Officer. Address

(a) Insert here the names of the electoral districts (if any) with the number to be elected for each.

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The voting paper must be filled in and signed by the elector in the presence of a witness who must write his name and address in the space provided.

The voting paper properly filled up must be delivered by prepaid post or otherwise to the Returning Officer at.....

In the place of a signature it shall be sufficient for the elector to place his mark in the presence of two witnesses who must write their names and addresses in the margin.

If the elector inadvertently spoils a voting paper or loses a voting paper. he may on transmitting to the Returning Officer a declaration signed by him before the Returning Officer or a Justice of the Peace setting forth the facts of inadvertent spoiling or the loss of the voting paper, require the Returning Officer to send him a new voting paper. The spoilt voting paper shall be returned to the Returning Officer.

If the elector votes for more than......candidates or records more votes for any candidate than he is entitled to, his voting paper will be void, and will not be counted.

N.B.—If at the date of the election any amount demanded in respect of any owner's\* drainage rate levied on the hereditament to which this voting paper refers has remained unpaid for more than one month, the voting paper will be void and will not be counted.

If at the date of the election any amount demanded in respect of

- (a) any drainage rate levied on any land in respect of the occupation of which the qualification of any candidate or of the proposer is claimed,
- (b) any owner's drainage rate levied on any land in respect of the ownership of which the qualification of any candidate or of the proposer is claimed,

has remained unpaid for more than one month, the candidate will not be qualified for election and any votes recorded in favour of him will be void and will not be counted.

\* If the voting paper is not issued in respect of the ownership of the hereditament to which it refers, the word "owner's" should be deleted.

## FORM No. 8. LAND DRAINAGE ACT, 1930.

......Drainage Board.

#### Declaration of Result of Poll.

I, the undersigned, being the Returning Officer at the poll for the election of Members of the Drainage Board (for the several electoral districts) of the above named Drainage District do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the elections is as follows:—

Electoral District.	Names of Candidates (Surnames first).	Place of Abode.	Descrip- tion.	Qualifica- tion.	Number of votes recorded.

And I do declare that the following persons are duly elected Members of the Drainage Board (for the several electoral districts).

(a)

Dated this day of

Address

(a) Here insert names of the Electoral Districts (if any) and the members elected for each.