

## Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020

## PART 2

## **ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

Expenses and donations for local government elections

## 20 Electoral Commission: election expenses at Scottish local government elections

- (1) In section 26 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (return as to election expenses), subsection (2) is repealed and accordingly the amendments made by that section apply to local government elections in Scotland.
- (2) Section 19 of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (return as to election expenses) is repealed.
- (3) In section 81 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (return as to election expenses)—
  - (a) after subsection (3A) insert—
    - "(3B) In the application of paragraph (c) of subsection (3A) in relation to a local government election in Scotland, any regulations under that paragraph are to be made by the Scottish Ministers and such regulations are subject to the affirmative procedure.",
  - (b) subsection (10B) is repealed.
- (4) In section 7(2) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Electoral Commission to be consulted on changes to electoral law), after paragraph (e) insert—
  - "(eza) regulations to be made by the Scottish Ministers under section 81(3A) (c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (other matters to be included in election expenses return in relation to local government elections in Scotland);".