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## SCHEDULE 2 CONDUCT RULES

### *Keeping of order at polling station*

- 17 (1) The presiding officer must keep order at the polling station.
- (2) If a person—
- (a) obstructs the operation of the polling station,
  - (b) obstructs any voter in polling, or
  - (c) does anything else which the presiding officer considers may adversely affect proceedings at the polling station,
- the presiding officer may order the person to be removed immediately from the polling station.
- (3) A person may be removed—
- (a) by a constable, or
  - (b) by the presiding officer.
- (4) A person removed under paragraph (2) must not enter the polling station again during that day without the presiding officer's permission.
- (5) A person removed under paragraph (2) may, if charged with the commission in the polling station of an offence, be dealt with as a person taken into custody by a constable for an offence without a warrant.
- (6) The power to remove a person from the polling station is not to be exercised so as to prevent a voter who is otherwise entitled to vote at a polling station from having an opportunity of voting at that station.

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