



# Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962

## 1962 CHAPTER 14

### PART VII

#### CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

##### **57 Rules for conduct of elections.**

- (1) The proceedings at a parliamentary election shall be conducted in accordance with the Parliamentary Elections Rules.
- (2) The proceedings at a local election shall be conducted in accordance with the Local Elections Rules.
- (3) The provisions of the Parliamentary Elections Rules and the Local Elections Rules may be varied by an Order in Council; but the Governor shall not be advised to make any such Order unless a draft thereof (which shall be subject to affirmative resolution) has been laid before Parliament.
- (4) Where for any reason an election cannot be held or completed in accordance with the provisions of this Act and there is no statutory provision other than this sub-section for—
  - (a) the holding of the election at a later date; or
  - (b) procuring the completion of the election; or
  - (c) holding a fresh election;

the [<sup>F1</sup> Chief Electoral Officer] may give such directions and make such arrangements as may be necessary for enabling the election to be so held or completed and such directions may in the case of an uncompleted election provide either for the holding of a fresh election or for the taking afresh of any of the proceedings of the uncompleted election and may determine the times at or within which any proceedings are to be taken and the provisions of this Act shall except as otherwise provided in this sub-section apply to any such election or proceeding.

- (5) If the [<sup>F1</sup> Chief Electoral Officer] is satisfied that any difficulty arises with respect to any local election or that for any reason a vacancy in a local authority cannot be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the [<sup>F1</sup> Chief Electoral Officer]

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may make such arrangements as [<sup>F1</sup> he] considers necessary to procure the holding of an election and may apply, with such amendment as may be necessary, the Rules for the holding of [<sup>F1</sup> local general] elections or of elections to fill casual vacancies...

<sup>F2</sup>(6) It shall be the general duty of the returning officer at an election to do all such acts and things as may be necessary for effectually conducting the election in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

<b>F1</b>	1972 NI 13
<b>F2</b>	1972 NI 13

## 58 Saving as respects acts, etc., of officers.

No election shall be declared invalid by reason of any act or omission by the returning officer or any other person in breach of his official duty or otherwise of any provision of this Act regulating the conduct of elections, if it appears to the tribunal having cognizance of the question that the election was so conducted as to be substantially in accordance with those provisions, and that the act or omission did not affect its result.

## 59 Returning officer not disqualified for voting.

A person is not disqualified for voting at an election by reason only of his being or acting as returning officer at that election.

## 60 Candidates' deposits.

- (1) Every candidate at an election [<sup>F3</sup> (other than a local election)] shall at the place and during the time for delivery of nomination papers deposit or cause to be deposited with the returning officer an amount in accordance with this section; and if he fails to do so his nomination shall be void.
- (2) Except with the consent of the returning officer a deposit shall not be made otherwise than by means of any legal tender.
- (3) The amount of the deposit shall—
  - (a) for a parliamentary election be one hundred and fifty pounds;

*Para. (b) rep. by SI 1985/454*

<b>F3</b>	SI 1985/454
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## 61 Return or disposal of deposit.

- (1) Where a candidate in respect of whom a deposit has been made—
  - (a) withdraws in accordance with the Parliamentary Elections Rules<sup>F4</sup> . . . , the deposit shall be returned forthwith to the person by whom it was made;
  - (b) dies before the commencement of the poll the deposit shall forthwith—
    - (i) if made by him, be returned to his personal representatives;
    - (ii) if not made by him, be returned to the person by whom it was made;

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and paragraph (a) shall apply to a candidate whose nomination paper is determined to be invalid in like manner as it applies to a candidate who withdraws.

- (2) Where a candidate is not elected his deposit shall be forfeited if—

*Para. (a) rep. by 1968 c.20 (NI)*

- (b)<sup>F5</sup> in any ...<sup>F6</sup> election, the number of votes given to him does not exceed one-eighth of the total number of votes polled;

and in any other case the deposit shall be returned to the person by whom it was made.

For the purposes of this sub-section the number of votes polled shall be taken to be the number of ballot papers (other than spoilt ballot papers) counted.

- (3) Subject to sub-sections (4) and (5), where a candidate is elected—

- (a) at a parliamentary election, when and so soon as the candidate has taken the oath as a member;

*Para. (b) rep. by SI 1985/454*

the deposit shall be returned to the candidate or other person by whom it was made; and until such oath has been taken or declaration made, as the case may be, the returning officer shall retain the deposit.

- (4) If any elected candidate fails, by reason of his death, mental or physical incapacity or other cause not within his control, to take the oath or as the case may be to make the declaration respectively referred to in sub-section (3), the returning officer—

- (a) upon application being made to him by or on behalf of the candidate or his estate or by or on behalf of the person by whom the deposit was made; and  
(b) upon being satisfied as to such cause as aforesaid and as to the title of the applicant;

shall pay the deposit to the applicant as soon as may be.

- (5) Where a deposit is retained under sub-section (3) and is not paid to an applicant under sub-section (4), the returning officer—

- (a) where the deposit was made at a parliamentary election, shall retain the deposit until the next following dissolution of Parliament;

*Para. (b) rep. by SI 1985/454*

and a deposit so retained shall be forfeited as from the date of such dissolution or, as the case may be, on the expiration of such period.

- (6) As soon as may be after a deposit has been forfeited under sub-section (5) the returning officer shall send to the Ministry a full report thereon in writing.

- (7) Where a deposit is retained under sub-section (5) any person claiming to be entitled thereto may at any time before the deposit is forfeited apply to the county court for an order that the deposit be paid to him; and the court upon being satisfied—

- (a) that the failure which caused the retention was not due to a cause within the control of the candidate; and  
(b) that the applicant is in all other respects entitled to the deposit;

shall by order declare accordingly; and the returning officer shall thereupon pay the deposit to the applicant after deducting therefrom such costs as the court may order to be so deducted. The costs of such an application shall be in the discretion of the court.

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(8) A deposit forfeited under this section—

*Para.(a) rep. by 1968 c.20 (NI)*

- (b) in relation to an election in any...<sup>F6</sup> constituency, shall be remitted by the returning officer to the Ministry of Finance<sup>F7</sup> and paid into the Exchequer;

*Para. (c) rep. by SI 1985/454*

<b>F4</b>	SI 1985/454
<b>F5</b>	Mod. (local elections), SI 1977/428
<b>F6</b>	1968 c.20 (NI)
<b>F7</b>	Now Treasury, SI 1973/2163

**62 Plural candidatures prohibited.**

- (1) A person may not be nominated as a candidate at any parliamentary or local election where the nomination would result in that person's being a candidate at the same time—

- (a) in more than one constituency or, as the case may be, more than one...<sup>F8</sup>[<sup>F9</sup> district electoral area] in the same local government electoral area;

*Para.(b) rep. by 1972 NI 13*

and any nomination contravening this sub-section shall be void.

- (2) Sub-section (1) shall not be construed as preventing a duly qualified person from being nominated as a candidate at the elections of two or more local authorities notwithstanding that those elections are held on the same day.

<b>F8</b>	1972 NI 13
<b>F9</b>	SI 1990/595

**63 Offices of returning officers at parliamentary elections.**

The returning officer...<sup>F10</sup> shall appoint to be his principal office for the purpose of [<sup>F11</sup> a parliamentary election] a place which [<sup>F11</sup> is within the constituency for which the election is held or within the area of a district council which wholly or partly contains the constituency] and may appoint to be subsidiary offices for the said purpose such other places, situate respectively as aforesaid, as he may think necessary.

<b>F10</b>	1972 NI 13
<b>F11</b>	1972 NI 13

**64 Offices of returning officers at local elections.**

The returning officer...<sup>F12</sup> shall appoint to be his principal office for the purpose of [<sup>F13</sup> a local election] a place situate—

- (a) within the local government electoral area for which the election is to be held;

*Paras.(b)(c) rep. by 1972 NI 13*

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and may appoint to be subsidiary offices for the said purpose such other places situate within the area for which the election is to be held as he may think necessary.

**F12** 1972 NI 13  
**F13** 1972 NI 13

## 65 Polling station schemes.

(1) A polling station scheme prepared under sub-section (2) of section fifteen (in this section referred to as a scheme) shall provide for the designation of such number of polling stations in such situations as to provide for all electors in each polling district such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.

<sup>F14</sup>(1A) The Chief Electoral Officer shall in [<sup>F15</sup>the year 2010] and every fourth year thereafter prepare in accordance with the provisions of this section a draft scheme providing for the location of a polling station or polling stations in each polling district (as defined in this Act) and shall publish the draft scheme in accordance with electoral regulations under sub-section (4).]

(2) The [<sup>F16</sup>Chief Electoral Officer] may if [<sup>F16</sup>he] thinks fit cause a local inquiry to be held in relation to the [<sup>F14</sup>draft] scheme or any question arising in connection with it; and if such an inquiry is held [<sup>F16</sup>the Chief Electoral Officer shall] take into consideration the report of the person who held it.

<sup>F16</sup>(3) The Chief Electoral Officer shall consider any objections or proposals made in relation to the draft scheme and shall then approve the scheme with or without modifications (which may include additions or exceptions).]

(4) The Ministry may by electoral regulations make provision—

- (a) for the method of selection of polling stations... <sup>F17</sup>;
- (b) for the time within which and the manner in which draft schemes are to be published and objections or proposals in relation thereto may be lodged by interested persons;
- (c) for the time within which and the manner in which schemes are to be [<sup>F16</sup>approved]; and
- (d) the manner in which approved schemes are to be published.

(5) As from the date of publication of a scheme [<sup>F14</sup>approved under sub-section (3)] the polling stations therein designated shall, subject to sub-section (6), be the polling stations to be used, at any parliamentary or local election initiated between that date and the date of publication of a new scheme, [<sup>F14</sup>approved under sub-section (3)] for the polling districts to which the scheme relates...

<sup>F17</sup>[<sup>F16</sup>(6) The Chief Electoral Officer may for the purpose of any particular election omit from or add to the polling stations designated in a polling station scheme such station or stations as he considers necessary.]

**F14** 1972 NI 13  
**F15** Words in s. 65(1A) substituted (18.11.2009) by [Electoral Law Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1962 \(Amendment\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/3014\)](#), arts. 1(2), 2(2)  
**F16** 1972 NI 13  
**F17** 1972 NI 13

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## 66 Voting by post.

- (1) Subject to sub-section (2) a parliamentary elector who satisfies the electoral officer that he will be unable to vote at any election by reason—
- (a) of absence from Northern Ireland; or
  - (b) of illness or other physical incapacity; or
  - (c) of his being a person to whom paragraph (a) of sub-section (3) or sub-section (5) of section five applies;

may vote by post in accordance with the Fourth Schedule.

- (2) An elector shall not vote by post at any election unless—
- (a) on or after the date on which the election is initiated and not later than the hour of five o'clock in the afternoon of the second day after nomination day the electoral officer receives an application for a postal ballot paper either from that elector or on his behalf from a person registered as a parliamentary elector in a constituency in Northern Ireland who is the spouse, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild of that elector; and
  - (b) that application is accompanied by a postal address to which a postal ballot paper may be sent which address shall as respects an elector absent from Northern Ireland be outside Northern Ireland but within the postal voting area as defined in this Act.

## 67 Voting by proxy.

- (1) <sup>F18</sup> [<sup>F19</sup> An] elector to whom this section applies may, subject to sub-section (2), appoint a person to vote on his behalf at any election initiated during the period for which under the Seventh Schedule the appointment continues in force.

- (2) <sup>F18</sup> This section applies to—
- (a) any elector registered by virtue of a service qualification;
  - (b) any other [<sup>F20</sup> parliamentary] elector who satisfies the electoral officer, ... <sup>F21</sup>, that in any six consecutive months he will or is likely to be at sea or out of the United Kingdom for a period or two or more periods together exceeding four weeks.

- (3) An elector registered by virtue of a service qualification may not vote otherwise than in person or by proxy.

- (4) <sup>F18</sup> The provisions of the Seventh Schedule shall have effect in relation to the appointment and voting of proxies.

[<sup>F22</sup>(5) This section and Schedule 7 shall not apply at a local election.]

**F18** Ext., SI 1977/428

**F19** 1969 c.26 (NI)

**F20** 1969 c.26 (NI)

**F21** 1968 c.20 (NI)

**F22** SI 1985/454

*S.68 rep. by 1969 c.26 (NI)*

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- Sch. 5 rule 56A inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 8
- Sch. 5 rule 37A(10A)(10B) inserted by 2001 c. 7 Sch. para. 24A (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 9(6)
- Sch. 5 rule 1 modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 8 para. 4
- Sch. 5 rule 29(1) modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 8 para. 19(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 32 modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 8 para. 20(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 41(1) modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 8 para. 29(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 58(1) modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 8 para. 38(1)
- Sch. 5 rule 59 modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 8 para. 38(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 59(7) modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 8 para. 38(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 37A modified by SI 2013/3156 Sch. para. 13A (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 10(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(5)-(10) omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 12(5)
- Sch. 5 rule 16(2)(d) omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 54(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(3)(b) omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 60(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(1)(a) omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 68(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 60(2)(3) omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 77(4)
- Sch. 5 rule 5(2)(b) omitted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 3(a)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 5(2A) substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 7
- Sch. 5 rule 26(3A)(b) substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 12(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 32(2) substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 13(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 32(3) substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 13(5)
- Sch. 5 rule 34 heading substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 10(3)(3A) substituted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 51
- Sch. 5 rule 33 substituted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 67
- Sch. 5 rule 59(6) substituted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 76(4)
- Sch. 5 rule 10(4)(4A) substituted for Sch. 5 rule 10(4) by S.I. 2020/635 art. 5(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 61-64 substituted for Sch. 5 rule 61 by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 78
- Sch. 5 rule 5(2)(a) word inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 3(a)(i)

- Sch. 5 rule 20(2) word omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 57
- Sch. 5 rule 29(3)(a) word omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 63
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6) word omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 68(4)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 12A(2)(b) word omitted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 7(b)(i)
- Sch. 5 rule 27(2) word substituted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 61(4)
- Sch. 5 rule 60(1) word substituted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 77(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(6) word substituted by S.I. 2015/566 art. 2(3)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(7) word substituted by S.I. 2015/566 art. 2(3)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(8) word substituted by S.I. 2015/566 art. 2(3)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 32(1A) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 13(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(4) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14(5)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(4) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14(5)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(5) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14(6)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6)(j) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14(8)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6)(k) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14(8)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 37(2) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 17(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 38(2) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 18
- Sch. 5 rule 56A heading words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 20(4)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms Form 10 words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 22(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 5(3) words inserted by S.I. 2010/1178 art. 4(2)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 5A(2) words inserted by S.I. 2010/1178 art. 4(3)(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 10(3A) words inserted by S.I. 2010/1178 art. 4(4)
- Sch. 5 rule 9(1) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 50(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 16(2A) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 54(3)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 20(2) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 57
- Sch. 5 rule 25(1) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 59(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 25(3) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 59(3)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(2) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 60(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 31 words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 65
- Sch. 5 rule 41(1)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 70(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 44(1)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 71(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 45(4) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 72
- Sch. 5 rule 46(1)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 73
- Sch. 5 rule 45(3) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(12)(i)
- Sch. 5 rule 45(5) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(12)(ii)
- Sch. 5 rule 57(2) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(13)
- Sch. 5 rule 58(1)(c) words inserted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(14)
- Sch. 5 rule 45(2A) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 4(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 9(3) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 4(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 10(1) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 5(a)(i)
- Sch. 5 rule 10(3) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 5(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 12(2) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 6(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 12A(1) words inserted by S.I. 2020/635 art. 7(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 36(3) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 16(4)
- Sch. 5 rule 5(3) words omitted by S.I. 2010/1178 art. 4(2)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 27(4) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 61(5)
- Sch. 5 rule 30(2)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 64
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 68(4)(c)
- Sch. 5 rule 41(1)(e) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 70(4)
- Sch. 5 rule 58(1)(d) words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 75(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 60 heading words omitted by S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 77(2)
- Sch. 5 rule 25(1) words omitted by S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6(8)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 25(2) words omitted by S.I. 2014/1880 art. 3(2)(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 16A(3) words repealed by S.I. 2018/1310 Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (This S.I. is amended by S.I. 2019/1389, reg. 2)
- Sch. 5 rule 12(2A) words substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 8(a)
- Sch. 5 rule 12(2A) words substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 8(b)
- Sch. 5 rule 23(3) words substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 11

- Sch. 5 rule 34(3) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 14\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 35(2) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 15](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 36(2)(b)(i) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 36(2A) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 16\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 37(2) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 17\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 56A words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 20\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms Form 10 words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 22\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 1(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 45](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 1(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 46](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 19(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 56](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 27(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 61\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 28(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 62](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(1)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 68\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(8)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 68\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 41(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 70\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 44(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 71\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 57(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 74](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 59(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 76\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 59(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 76\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 59(7) words substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 76\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 21(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(3)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 21(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2015/566 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 45(2A) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 4\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 34(6)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2022/47 reg. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms amendment to earlier affecting provision 2001 c. 7 Sch. para. 29 by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 9\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms form 5 asterisk and words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(16\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms form 5 asterisk inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(16\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms Form 6A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(17\)Sch](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms Form 7A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(18\)Sch](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms substituted by [S.I. 2010/2977 Sch. 1 para. 79](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix Form 6A substituted by [S.I. 2015/566 art. 2\(9\)Sch. 5](#)
- Sch. 5 Appendix of Forms form 5 words inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116 art. 6\(16\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 6 Appendix Form 7 substituted by [S.I. 2015/566 art. 2\(10\)Sch. 6](#)

### **Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2011/1418 art. 2](#) commences (2010 c. 23)
- [S.R. 2014/153 art. 3Sch. 2](#) commences (2014 c. 8)
- [S.R. 2016/387 art. 2](#) commences (2015 c. 9 (N.I.))