

Status: Point in time view as at 16/01/2023.

Changes to legislation: Representation of the People Act 1983, Cross Heading: Retention and public inspection of documents is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Parliamentary election rules modified (N.I.) (*prosp.*) by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 10, [Sch. 1 paras. 8–23](#)
- C2** [Paras. 3–7](#) of Pt. II of Sch. 1 to [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#) have effect (N.I.) (*prosp.*) by virtue of s. 10 of, and Sch. 1 para. 2 to, that Act as additional rules in Sch. 1 to this Act
- C3** [Sch. 1](#) applied with modifications (S.) by [S.I. 1986/2213](#), [Rules 2, 5](#)
[Sch. 1](#) applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (28.4.1999) by [1985 c. 50, s. 15\(1\)\(2\)](#) (as applied (with modifications) (28.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1214](#), [reg. 8](#), [Sch. 3](#)) (which S.I. was revoked (23.3.2004) by [S.I. 2004/293](#), [reg. 126](#))
- C4** [Sch. 1](#) modified (E.W.) by [S.I. 1986/1081](#), [regs. 2, 97, 98, 100](#) (which S.I. was revoked (23.3.2004) by [S.I. 2004/294](#), [reg. 3](#))
- C5** [Sch. 1](#) extended (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by [S.I. 1996/1220](#), [art. 6\(1\)-\(4\)](#)
- C6** [Sch. 1](#) modified (N.I.) (10.4.2001) by [Elections Act 2001 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 4, [Sch.](#) (as amended (16.12.2010) by [S.I. 2010/2977](#), [arts. 2\(2\), 6](#); and (15.9.2014) by [S.I. 2014/1116](#), [arts. 1\(1\), 9](#))
- C7** [Sch. 1](#) modified (E.W.) (23.3.2004) by [The Representation of the People \(Combination of Polls\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/294\)](#), [reg. 8](#), [Sch. 2](#) (as amended (22.5.2014) by [S.I. 2014/920](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(7\), 3-6](#); (7.5.2015) by [S.I. 2015/654](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2](#)); and (16.1.2023) by [The Voter Identification Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1382\)](#), [regs. 1\(3\), 37](#) (with [reg. 1\(6\)\(7\)](#))
- C8** [Sch. 1](#) modified (S.) by [The Representation of the People \(Scotland\) Regulations 1986 \(S.I. 1986/1111\)](#), [regs. 2, 95, 96, 98](#) (as amended (16.1.2023) by [The Voter Identification Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1382\)](#), [regs. 1\(3\), 36](#) (with [reg. 1\(6\)\(7\)](#)))

PART V

DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS

Retention and public inspection of documents

- 57 (1) The [^{F1}relevant registration officer] shall retain for a year all documents relating to an election forwarded to him in pursuance of these rules by a returning officer, and then, unless otherwise directed by order of the House of Commons [^{F2}, the High Court, the Crown Court or a magistrates' court], shall cause them to be destroyed.
- [^{F3}(2) The documents mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (1A) except—
- (a) ballot papers,
 - (b) the completed corresponding number lists,
 - [^{F4}(ba) in the case of an election held in England and Wales or Scotland, the completed ballot paper refusal list,]
 - (c) certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll,
- shall be open to public inspection.]

Status: Point in time view as at 16/01/2023.

Changes to legislation: Representation of the People Act 1983, Cross Heading: Retention and public inspection of documents is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details)

- [^{F5}(3) The relevant registration officer or the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland (as the case may be) must, on request, supply to any person copies of or extracts from such description of the documents open to public inspection as is prescribed by regulations.]
- [^{F6}(4) Each of the following must, on request, be supplied with a copy of the marked copies of the register, the postal voters list, the list of proxies and the proxy postal voters list—
- (a) a registered party within the meaning of Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000;
 - (b) a person who was a candidate at the election in relation to the constituency for which he was a candidate.
- (5) Regulations may impose conditions in relation to—
- (a) the inspection of any document in pursuance of paragraph (2);
 - (b) the supply of any document or part of a document in pursuance of paragraph (3);
 - (c) the supply of any document or part of a document in pursuance of paragraph (4).
- (6) Regulations may also make provision—
- (a) as to the form in which any such document or part is supplied;
 - (b) for the payment of a fee in respect of the supply of a document or part.
- (7) Conditions which may be imposed for the purposes of paragraph (5)(a) or (b) include conditions as to—
- (a) whether a person may take any copy of a document he is permitted to inspect;
 - (b) the manner in which any such copy is to be taken;
 - (c) the purposes for which information contained in any document or part of a document which is inspected or supplied in pursuance of paragraph (2) or (3) may be used.
- (8) Conditions which may be imposed for the purposes of paragraph (5)(b) or (c) include conditions as to the extent to which a person to whom a document or part of a document has been supplied may—
- (a) supply that document or part to any other person;
 - (b) disclose to any other person any information contained in the document or part;
 - (c) use any such information for a purpose other than that for which the document or part was supplied to him.
- (9) Regulations may also impose conditions corresponding to those mentioned in paragraph (8) in respect of persons who have obtained a document or part of a document mentioned in paragraph (4)—
- (a) which was supplied to another person in pursuance of paragraph (4), or
 - (b) otherwise than in accordance with regulations under this section.]

Status:

Point in time view as at 16/01/2023.

Changes to legislation:

Representation of the People Act 1983, Cross Heading: Retention and public inspection of documents is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.