

2003 No. 76

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

**The Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of
Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses)
(Scotland) Order 2003**

Made

11th February 2003

Coming into force

4th March 2003

Whereas the Scottish Ministers consider that the variation of the sums varied by this Order is expedient in consequence of changes to the value of money; now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 76A(1)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, they hereby make the following Order:

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 4th March 2003.

(2) This Order extends to Scotland only.

Provisions

2. The maximum amounts of a candidate's election expenses at a Scottish local government election in Scotland shall be varied by substituting for the sums "£219" and "4.3p" in section 76(2)(b)(ii) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(b), the sums "£242" and "4.7p", respectively.

PETER J PEACOCK

Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
11th February 2003

(a) 1983 c.2; section 76A was substituted and deemed to be a pre-commencement enactment by section 133(1) and (2) respectively of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c.41). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(b) The sums in section 76(2)(b)(ii) were substituted by S.I. 1997/879.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases the maximum amounts of candidates' election expenses at local government elections in Scotland.

The increases are such as are expedient having regard to the changes in the value of money since the last occasion on which the maximum amounts were varied for Scottish local government elections. The last occasion was 16th March 1997 when the Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order 1997 was made.

The maximum amount of a candidates' election expenses is made up of a fixed amount (expressed in pounds) plus a sum expressed in pence (and fractions of pence) for each entry in the register of electors.

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