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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 42**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

**The Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2007**

Made - - - - 9th February 2007

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

**THE SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ORDER 2007**

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  3. Local government elections rules
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  5. Consequential amendment
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SCHEDULE 1 SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS RULES

PART I PROVISIONS AS TO TIME

1. *Timetable*
2. *Computation of time*

PART II STAGES COMMON TO CONTESTED AND UNCONTESTED ELECTIONS

*Notice of election*

3. *Notice of election*

*Nomination*

4. *Nomination of candidates*
5. *Consent to nomination*
6. *Subscription of nomination paper*
7. *Decisions as to validity of nomination papers*
8. *Withdrawal of candidates*
9. *Nomination in more than one electoral ward*
10. *Correction of errors in nomination papers*

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11. *Inspection of nomination papers*
  12. *Method of election and notice of uncontested election*
- PART III    CONTESTED ELECTIONS

*General provisions*

13. *Poll to be by ballot*
14. *The ballot papers*
15. *Corresponding number list*
16. *Security marking*
17. *Prohibition of disclosure of vote*
18. *Use of schools and public rooms*

*Action to be taken before the poll*

19. *Notice of poll*
20. *Postal ballot papers*
21. *Provision of polling stations*
22. *Appointment of presiding officers and clerks*
23. *Issue of official poll cards and notifications*
24. *Equipment of polling stations*
25. *Appointment of polling and counting agents*
26. *Notification of requirement of secrecy*

*The poll*

27. *Admission to polling station*
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30. *Questions to be put to voters*
31. *Challenge of voter*
32. *Voting procedure*
33. *Votes marked by presiding officer*
34. *Voting by persons with disabilities*
35. *Tendered ballot papers*
36. *Spoilt ballot papers*
37. *Correction of errors on day of poll*
38. *Adjournment of poll in case of riot*
39. *Procedure on close of poll*

*Counting of votes*

40. *Attendance at counting of votes*
41. *Electronic counting*
42. *The count*
43. *Rejected ballot papers*
44. *Decisions on ballot papers*
45. *First stage*
46. *The quota*
47. *Return of councillors*
48. *Transfer of ballot papers*
49. *Transfer of ballot papers – supplementary provisions*
50. *Exclusion of candidates*
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52. *Filling of last vacancies*

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- 53. **Re count**
- 54. **Counting of votes by means other than electronic counting**
- 55. **Declaration of result**
  - PART IV DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS
- 56. **Sealing up of ballot papers**
- 57. **Delivery of documents**
- 58. **Orders for production of documents**
- 59. **Retention of documents**
  - PART V DEATH OF CANDIDATE
- 60. **Countermand or abandonment of poll on death of candidate**
  - PART VI FORMS FOR USE AT SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Form 1

Form 2

Form 3

Form 4

Form 5

Form 6

Form 7

Form 8

Form 9

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*Back of card*

Form 10

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Form 11

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Form 12

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Form 13

Form 14

Form 15

SCHEDULE 2      MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ELECTIONS RULES IN SCHEDULE 1 TO APPLY  
WHERE THE POLL AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ELECTION IS TAKEN TOGETHER WITH THE POLL  
AT ANOTHER ELECTION UNDER SECTION 15(1) OR  
(2) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT  
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1. At the end of rule 14(2) (the ballot papers) the...
2. At the end of rule 19 (notice of poll) the...
3. At the end of rule 23 (issue of official poll...
4. After paragraph (1) of rule 24 (equipment of polling stations)...
5. For paragraph (5) of rule 24 (equipment of polling stations)...
6. After paragraph (3) of rule 25 (appointment of polling and...
7. In questions 1(a) and (b) and question 4 of rule...
8. At the end of rule 32 (voting procedure) there shall...
9. After paragraph (3) of rule 33 (votes marked by presiding...
10. After paragraph (6) of rule 34 (voting by persons with...
11. At the end of paragraph (8) of rule 35 (tendered...
12. At the end of paragraph (1) of rule 38 (adjournment...
13. After paragraph (1) of rule 39 (procedure on close of...
14. For paragraph (1) of rule 40 (attendance at counting of...
15. In paragraph (2) of rule 40 before "at the counting...

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16. In paragraph (3) of rule 40 before the words “counting...
17. For paragraphs (1) and (2) of rule 42 (the count)...
18. At the end of rule 57 (delivery of documents) there...
19. In rule 60 (countermund or abandonment of poll on death...
20. In Schedule 1, for Form 6 (the Corresponding Number List),...
21. In Schedule 1, for Form 8 (the postal voting statement)...
22. In Schedule 1, for Form 13 (the form of directions...
23. In Schedule 1, in Form 15 (the form of declaration...
  - SCHEDULE 3 FORM OF CORRESPONDING NUMBER LIST  
REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 20 OF SCHEDULE 2
  - SCHEDULE 4 FORM OF POSTAL VOTING STATEMENT  
REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 21 OF SCHEDULE 2

Explanatory Note