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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 128**

**The Representation of the People (Postal  
Voting for Local Government Elections)  
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2009**

**Opening of covering envelopes**

5.—(1) Regulation 22 (opening of covering envelopes) is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1), substitute—

“(1) When a postal voters box is opened, the returning officer must count and record the number of covering envelopes (including any envelope which is stated to include a postal vote and any envelope described in regulation 20(2)).

(1A) The returning officer must set aside for personal identifier verification not less than 20 per cent of the envelopes recorded on that occasion.

(1B) The returning officer must open separately each covering envelope that is not set aside (including an envelope described in regulation 20(2)).”.

(3) In paragraph (2), after “regulation 24” insert “or 24A”.

(4) After paragraph (4), insert—

“(4A) Where—

(a) an envelope contains the postal voting statement of an elector with an anonymous entry; and

(b) paragraph (4) does not apply,

the returning officer must set aside that envelope and its contents for personal identifier verification in accordance with regulation 24A.”.

(5) In paragraph (6), for “(1)” substitute “(1B)”.