

## SCHEDULE

### HEALTH BOARD ELECTION RULES

#### PART 8

#### THE COUNT

##### ***Opening of ballot boxes and covering envelopes***

- 35.**—(1) The count is begun by the returning officer opening each ballot box.
- (2) The returning officer must then—
- (a) count and note the number of covering envelopes; and
  - (b) open each covering envelope separately.
- (3) If a covering envelope does not contain a ballot paper the returning officer must—
- (a) mark the covering envelope with the word “rejected”;
  - (b) attach to it the contents (if any) of the envelope; and
  - (c) place the envelope in a separate receptacle (the “rejected votes box”).
- (4) If a covering envelope does contain a ballot paper, the returning officer must place it in a different receptacle from the rejected votes box.