
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No.

**Representation of the People
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001**

PART I

GENERAL, INTERPRETATION AND MISCELLANEOUS

Interpretation

3.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“1962 Act” means the Electoral Law (Northern Ireland) Act 1962⁽¹⁾;

“1983 Act” means the Representation of the People Act 1983⁽²⁾;

“1985 Act” means the Representation of the People Act 1985⁽³⁾;

“2000 Act” means the Representation of the People Act 2000⁽⁴⁾;

“available for inspection” means available for inspection during ordinary office hours;

“British Council employee” means a person employed by the British Council in a post outside the United Kingdom;

“candidate” means—

- (a) in relation to a parliamentary election, a person who is nominated as a candidate at the election, or is declared by himself or by others to be a candidate on or after the day of the issue of the writ for the election, or after the dissolution or vacancy in consequence of which the writ was issued;
- (b) in relation to a local election, a person having been nominated or having declared himself a candidate for election to the office to be filled at the election;

“Crown servant” means a person who is employed in a post falling within the class or description set out in regulation 15 below;

“data” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998⁽⁵⁾;

“elections rules” means the parliamentary elections rules in Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act;

“European Parliamentary overseas elector” means a peer who has made a European Parliamentary overseas elector’s declaration and is registered or is entitled to be registered in pursuance of it;

“European Parliamentary overseas elector’s declaration” means a declaration made in pursuance of section 2 of the 1985 Act, as applied by regulation 13 of, and Schedule 4 to, these Regulations;

(1) 1962 c. 14 (N.I.).
(2) 1983 c. 2.
(3) 1985 c. 50.
(4) 2000 c. 2.
(5) 1998 c. 29.

“list of overseas electors” means the list prepared under regulation 45 below;

“local elector” and “local election” have the same meaning as in section 130(1) of the 1962 Act;

“overseas elector” means a person who has made an overseas elector’s declaration and is registered or entitled to be registered as a parliamentary elector in pursuance of it;

“register” means the register of electors; and

“registration officer” means the electoral registration officer.

(2) A reference in these Regulations to a form identified by means of a letter shall be construed as a reference to the form so identified in Schedule 3 to these Regulations.

(3) In the application of these Regulations to the registers which are required to be published not later than 15th February 2001 by section 13(1) of the 1983 Act, as enacted, references to the publication of the revised version are to be read as references to the publication of the register.

(4) Any reference in these Regulations to a provision of the 1983 Act which has been applied by section 2(1) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989⁽⁶⁾ shall include a reference to that provision as so applied and with any modifications specified in Part II of that Schedule.

(6) 1989 c. 3; Schedule 1 has been amended by Schedule 3 to the 2000 Act.