
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001

11. After rule 5 (nomination of candidates) of the local elections rules insert—

“Nomination papers: name of registered political party

5A.—(1) A nomination paper may not include a description of a candidate which is likely to lead voters to associate the candidate with a registered political party unless the party is a qualifying party in relation to the district electoral area and the description is authorised by a certificate—

- (a) issued by or on behalf of the registered nominating officer of the party, and
- (b) received by the returning officer before the last time for the delivery of nomination papers.

(2) A person shall be guilty of a corrupt practice if he fraudulently purports to be authorised to issue a certificate under paragraph (1) on behalf of a registered political party’s nominating officer.

(3) For the purposes of the application of this rule in relation to an election—

- (a) “registered political party” means a party which was registered under Part II of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000⁽¹⁾ at the time by which the notice of election is required to be published by virtue of rule 1 (“the relevant time”);
- (b) a registered party is a qualifying party in relation to a district electoral area if the party was at the relevant time registered in the Northern Ireland register maintained under that Part of that Act.”.