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## Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001

- **13.**—(1) Rule 10 (decisions as to validity of nomination papers) of the local elections rules is amended as follows.
  - (2) At the beginning of paragraph (3) insert "Subject to paragraph (3A),".
  - (3) After paragraph (3) insert—
    - "(3A) If in the returning officer's opinion a nomination paper breaks rule 5A(1), he shall give a decision to that effect as soon as practicable after the last time for the delivery of nomination papers."
  - (4) In paragraph (4) for "Where he" substitute "Where the returning officer".