
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No.

Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001

3.—(1) Section 41 of the 1962 Act (prohibition of unauthorised expenditure) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2)(ii) (election expenses not exceeding £5 in aggregate incurred by individual backer or disparager)⁽¹⁾ for the words from “not exceeding” to “concerted with others,” substitute “incurred by any person which do not exceed in the aggregate the permitted sum (and are not incurred by that person as part of a concerted plan of action)”.

(3) After subsection (2) insert:

“(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(ii)—

- (a) “the permitted sum” means £50 together with an additional 0.5p for every entry in the register of local electors for the district electoral area in question as it has effect on the last day for publication of notice of the election; and
- (b) expenses are to be regarded as incurred by a person “as part of a concerted plan of action” if they are incurred by that person in pursuance of any plan or other arrangement whereby that person and one or more other persons are to incur, with a view of promoting or procuring the election of the same candidate, expenses which (disregarding subsection (2)(ii)) might fall within subsection (1) above.”.

⁽¹⁾ The sum of £5 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.I.1987/168.