

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 156(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 and section 29(2) of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No.

**DEVOLUTION, ENGLAND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND
REFERENDUMS
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

The Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums
(Date of Referendums, Referendum Question and
Explanatory Material) (North East Region) Order 2004

Made - - - - 2004
Coming into force - - 2004

Whereas—

- (a) the First Secretary of State has considered, in relation to the region specified in this Order, the level of interest in that region in the holding of a referendum in that region about the establishment of an elected assembly for that region;
- (b) on 25th May 2004, pursuant to a direction given on 16th June 2003 under section 13(1) of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003(1), the Secretary of State received recommendations from the Boundary Committee for England in relation to that region;
- (c) a period of not less than six weeks has expired since the receipt of those recommendations(2); and
- (d) the Secretary of State has no cause to think that the levels of interest referred to in paragraph (a) has changed materially since the date on which his direction was given:

Now, therefore, the First Secretary of State, in exercise of the functions conferred by sections 1(1), 2(2) and 3(6) and his powers under sections 2(9) and 5 of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003 and section 109(6) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(3), and having consulted the Electoral Commission in accordance with section 3(7) of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003 and section 156 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act

(1) 2003 c. 10.
(2) See section 2(7) of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003.
(3) 2000 c. 41.

Draft Legislation: This is a draft item of legislation. This draft has since been made as a UK Statutory Instrument: *The Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums (Date of Referendums, Referendum Question and Explanatory Material) (North East Region) Order 2004 No. 1963*

2000, hereby makes the following Order, of which a draft has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament: