#### DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 2010 No.

# CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEVOLUTION, WALES REFERENDUMS REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The National Assembly for Wales Referendum (Assembly Act Provisions) (Referendum Question, Date of Referendum Etc.) Order 2010

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## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES REFERENDUM (ASSEMBLY ACT PROVISIONS) (REFERENDUM QUESTION, DATE OF REFERENDUM ETC.) ORDER 2010

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- 18. Referendum agents
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- 9. Imitation poll cards
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- 11. Officials not to act for permitted participants
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