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**2013 No.**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013**

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**THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2013**

*Introductory*

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SCHEDULE — Combination of polls

1. Modification of the Local Elections Rules

2. The Schedule applies as if after rule 3A there were...
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4. Rule 20 (notice of poll) applies as if after paragraph...
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17. Rule 45 (preliminary proceedings and conduct of the count) applies...
18. Rule 58 (forwarding of documents) applies as if after paragraph...
19. Rule 59 (orders for production of documents) applies as if...
20. Rule 60 (retention of documents) applies as if—
21. Rule 63 (party candidate) applies as if—
22. Rule 64 (abandoned poll) applies as if for paragraphs (2)...
23. (1) The Appendix of Forms applies as if—
24. Modification of absent voting provisions

Explanatory Note