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The Recall of MPs Act 2015 (Recall Petition) Regulations 2016

PART 3

CONDUCT

CHAPTER 1

General Provisions

The signing sheet

10.—(1) The signature of a person entitled to sign the petition who wishes to do so must be made on a petition signing sheet in accordance with these Regulations (“the signing sheet”).

(2) The signing sheet must be in the form set out in Form A in Schedule 2 (forms), must be printed in accordance with the directions in that Schedule and must—

- (a) contain the name and constituency of the MP to whom the petition relates;
 - (b) be capable of being folded up; and
 - (c) have a number and other unique identifying mark printed on the back.
- (3) Schedule 2 which specifies forms referred to in these Regulations is to have effect.

Corresponding number lists

11.—(1) The petition officer must prepare a list containing the numbers and other unique identifying marks of the signing sheets to be—

- (a) delivered under regulation 27 (signing procedure: England and Wales and Scotland) or regulation 28 (signing procedure: Northern Ireland) (as the case may be);
 - (b) issued under regulation 85 (postal signing packs).
- (2) The list referred to in paragraph (1)(a) must be in the form set out in Form B in Schedule 2.
- (3) The list referred to in paragraph (1)(b) must be in the form set out in Form C in Schedule 2.

The official mark

12.—(1) Every signing sheet must contain an appropriate security marking (“the official mark”).

(2) The official mark must be kept secret, and an interval of not less than seven years must intervene between the use of the same official mark at a petition for the same constituency.

(3) The petition officer may use a different official mark for different purposes at the same petition.

Use of public rooms

13.—(1) The petition officer may use, free of charge, for the purposes of enabling persons to sign the petition—

- (a) a room in a school to which this regulation applies;
- (b) a room the expense of maintaining which is payable out of any rate.

(2) The petition officer must make good any damage done to, and defray any expense incurred by, the persons having control over any such room by reason of it being used for those purposes.

(3) This regulation applies—

- (a) in England and Wales, to a school maintained or assisted by a local authority, or a school in respect of which grants are made out of moneys provided by Parliament to the person or body of persons responsible for the management of the school;
- (b) in Scotland, to a school, other than an independent school within the meaning of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(1);
- (c) in Northern Ireland, to a school in receipt of a grant out of moneys appropriated by Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly, other than a school that—
 - (i) adjoins or is adjacent to any church or other place of worship, or
 - (ii) is connected with a nunnery or other religious establishment.

(1) 1980 c. 44.