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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No.**

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

PART 3

CONDUCT

CHAPTER 2

Action to be Taken Before the Petition

**Equipment at petition signing place**

**19.**—(1) The petition officer must provide each petition clerk with such ballot boxes and signing sheets as in the petition officer's opinion are necessary for the conduct of the petition.

(2) Every ballot box must be so constructed that the signing sheets can be put in it, but cannot be withdrawn from it, without the box being unlocked (if it has a lock), or without breaking the petition clerk's seal.

(3) The petition officer must provide each petition signing place with—

- (a) materials to enable persons to sign the signing sheets;
- (b) copies of the register, or such part of it, which lists the persons entitled to sign the petition at that place;
- (c) the parts of any special lists prepared for the petition corresponding to the register or the part of it provided under subparagraph (b);
- (d) that part of the list prepared under regulation 11(1)(a) (corresponding number lists) which contains the numbers (but not the other unique identifying marks) corresponding to those on the signing sheets provided to the petition clerk of the petition signing place.

(4) The petition officer must also provide each petition signing place with—

- (a) at least one large version of the signing sheet which must be displayed inside the petition signing place for the assistance of persons who are partially-sighted; and
- (b) a device, as considered appropriate by the petition officer, for enabling persons who are blind or partially-sighted to sign the petition without any need for assistance from the petition clerk or any assistant.

(5) A notice in the form set out in Form H in Schedule 2, giving directions for the guidance of the persons in signing the petition, must be printed in conspicuous characters and exhibited inside every petition signing place.

(6) The reference in paragraph (3)(b) to copies of the register includes a reference to copies of any notice issued under section 13BC(6) of the 1983 Act (alteration of registers: recall petition).