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**2016 No.**

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

PART 4

ABSENT SIGNERS

CHAPTER 2

Applications for Absent Signing

**Closing date for applications: Northern Ireland**

72.—(1) An application under regulation 52(1) or (7), 57(6) or 58(5) must be disregarded for the purposes of a particular petition if it is received by the registration officer after 5pm on the eleventh day before the last day of the signing period.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an application under regulation 54(1), 57(7) or 58(8) must be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5pm on the eleventh day before the last day of the signing period.

(3) Paragraph (2) is not to apply to an application which satisfies the requirements of regulation 70(7) (person employed as a constable or person attending at signing places); and such an application must be refused if it received by the registration officer after 5pm on the sixth day before the last day of the signing period.

(4) An application under—

(a) regulation 52(6)(a) by an elector to be removed from the record kept under regulation 52(5), or

(b) regulation 58(11)(a) by a proxy to be removed from the record kept under regulation 58(7), and a notice under regulation 57(9) by an elector cancelling a proxy's appointment must be disregarded for the purposes of a particular petition if it is received by the petition officer after 5pm on the eleventh day before the last day of the signing period at that petition.

(5) Any application or notice mentioned in this regulation must be disregarded for the purposes of a particular petition if, before the application or notice is considered by the registration officer, the elector or proxy has returned a postal signing sheet to the petition officer (except where it has been returned in accordance with regulation 95 or 97 (spoilt and lost postal signing sheets)).