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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Order 2017**

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**THE COMBINED AUTHORITIES  
(MAYORAL ELECTIONS) ORDER 2017**

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**SCHEDULE 4 — Combination of polls – amendment of secondary legislation**

1. European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004
2. The Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004
3. The Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006
4. The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

5. The Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007
6. The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2012
7. The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Council Tax Increases) (England) Regulations 2012
8. The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012

SCHEDULE 5 — Free delivery of election addresses

1. In this Schedule— “candidate” means a person who stands nominated...
2. For the purposes of article 8 and this Schedule, an...
3. (1) An election address must contain matter relating to the...
4. (1) Subject to any requirements imposed by or under this...
5. For the purposes of this Schedule, the election booklet is...
6. (1) The order in which the candidates’ election addresses appear...
7. (1) Copies of the election booklet shall be delivered by...
8. (1) Each candidate by whom an election address is submitted...
9. (1) The amount of any payment made by a candidate...

Explanatory Note