
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No.

**The Representation of the People (Proxy Vote Applications)
(Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

Citation, commencement, extent, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Proxy Vote Applications) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and come into force on 27th February 2022.

(2) Amendments made by these Regulations have the same extent and application as the instruments they are amending, except for—

- (a) regulation 3, which does not apply in relation to a local government election in Wales, and
- (b) regulation 4, which does not apply in relation to a local government election in Scotland.

(3) The amendments made by regulations 3 to 5 do not apply to an application made in respect of a relevant election or referendum for which the notice of election or referendum was published on or before 27th February 2022.

(4) In these Regulations, “relevant election or referendum” means—

- (a) a parliamentary election;
- (b) an election of a police and crime commissioner under Chapter 6 of Part 1 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011⁽¹⁾;
- (c) a local government election, within the meaning of section 203(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983⁽²⁾;
- (d) any other election or referendum to which Part 4 of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001⁽³⁾ is applied (with or without modifications) by another enactment.

(1) Chapter 6 was amended by the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), Schedule 8, paragraph 184, the Local Government (Democracy) Wales Act 2013 (anaw 4), Schedule 1, paragraph 5, the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), section 122(1), Schedule 1, paragraphs 86 and 90, Schedule 2, paragraph 117 and Schedule 9, paragraph 73, the Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), section 8, S.I. 2014/268, 2015/1376, 1526, 2016/997, 2017/470, 2018/1310 and 2021/1265.

(2) The definition of “local government election” was amended by the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), Schedule 3, paragraph 39.

(3) S.I. 2001/341; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2001/1700, 2002/1871, 2005/2114, 2006/752, 2910, 2007/1025, 2009/1182, 2010/231, 2012/1479, 2013/388, 591, 3198, 2015/643, 1971, 2016/211, 694, 2017/52, 2018/48, 1310, 2019/1094, 2020/1399 (W. 310), 2021/193 (W. 44), 391, 1188 and 1247 (W. 319).