



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART III

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Supplemental

182 Rules of procedure.

- (1) The authority having for the time being power to make rules of court for the [^{F1}Senior Courts] may make rules for the purposes of Part II and this Part of this Act.
- (2) In relation to the power conferred by subsection (1) above to make rules—
 - (a) that power shall be exercisable by statutory instrument, and be treated for the purposes of the ^{M1}Statutory Instruments Act 1946 as if conferred on a Minister of the Crown; and
 - (b) a statutory instrument containing rules under subsection (1) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) This section does not apply to Scotland, but the Court of Session has power to make acts of sederunt for the purposes of Part II and this Part.
- (4) This section does not apply to Northern Ireland.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 182(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59, 148, [Sch. 11 para. 28\(3\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2009/1604](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(d\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 182 applied (E.W.S.) by [S.I. 1986/2209](#), regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)–(8), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#)

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M1 1946 c. 36.

183 Costs.

- (1) The rules of the [^{F2}Senior Courts] with respect to costs to be allowed in actions, causes and matters in the High Court shall in principle and so far as practicable apply to the costs of petition and other proceedings under Part II or this Part of this Act, and the taxing officer shall not allow any costs higher than would be allowed in any action, cause or matter in the High Court on a common fund basis.
- (2) Where any costs or other sums are, under the order of an election court or otherwise under this Part, to be paid by any person, those costs or sums shall be due from that person to the person or persons to whom they are to be paid and, if payable to the Treasury, shall be a debt due to Her Majesty and in either case may be recovered accordingly.
- (3) The above provisions of this section do not apply to Scotland, but those costs shall, subject to any regulations which the Court of Session may make by act of sederunt, be taxed as nearly as possible according to the same principles as expenses between solicitor and client are taxed in a cause in the Court of Session, or, when incurred in relation to an election of councillors, the sheriff court.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 183(1) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59, 148, [Sch. 11 para. 28\(3\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2009/1604](#), [art. 2\(b\)\(d\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Ss. 183-186 applied (N.I.) by [S.I. 1986/2250](#), regs. 2, 3, 5, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
Ss. 183-186 applied (E.W.S.) by [S.I. 1986/2209](#), regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)-(8), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
- C3** S. 183 applied (E.) (28.7.2007) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2089\)](#), reg. 15, [Sch. 6](#)
- C4** S. 183 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by [Elections \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1996 \(S.I. 1996/1220\)](#), art. 3(1)(b)(5)-(8), [Sch. 1](#)
S. 183 applied (with modifications) (11.3.1999) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/787\)](#), art. 85(1)-(3), [Sch. 6 Pts. I, II](#) (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [S.I. 2002/2779](#), [arts. 1, 2](#) (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by [S.I. 2007/937](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)))
S. 183 applied (with modifications) (2.4.2001) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2001 \(S.I. 2001/1298\)](#), regs. 19(8), [Sch. 6](#)
S. 183 applied (with modifications) (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2779\)](#), arts. 1, 81, [Sch. 6 Pts. I, II](#) (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by [S.I. 2007/937](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#))
S. 183 applied (W.) (24.3.2004) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2004 \(S.I. 2004/870\)](#), reg. 15(8), [Sch. 5](#) (which S.I. was revoked (24.7.2008) by [S.I. 2008/1848](#))
S. 183 applied (with modifications) (15.3.2007 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/937\)](#), arts. 1, 83, [Sch. 6 Pts. I, II](#)
S. 183 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by [The Northern Ireland Assembly \(Elections\) Order 2001 \(S.I. 2001/2599\)](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1](#) (as substituted (10.2.2009) by [S.I. 2009/256](#), arts. 1(2), 3, [Sch. 1](#))

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- C5** S. 183 applied (W.) (24.7.2008) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1848\)](#), reg. 11, **Sch. 5**
- C6** S. 183 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2999\)](#), arts. 1(1), 84(2)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with art. 1(2)(3))
- C7** S. 183 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2999\)](#), arts. 1(1), 84(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2)(3))
- C8** S. 183 applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (9.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\)\(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/323\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6**
- C9** S. 183 applied (with modifications) (18.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Council Tax Increases\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/444\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6** (with reg. 27)
- C10** S. 183 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), arts. 1(1), 82(2)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with art. 1(2))
- C11** S. 183 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), arts. 1(1), 82(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2))
- C12** S. 183(1)(2) applied (with modifications) (25.7.2012) by [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1917\)](#), arts. 1(2), 50(6), **Sch. 9 para. 1(5)**

184 Service of notices.

- (1) Any [^{F3}notice, legal process or other] document required to be served on any person with reference to any proceeding respecting an election for the purpose of causing him to appear before the High Court, the county court, or any election court, or otherwise or of giving him an opportunity of making a statement, or showing cause, or being heard by himself before any court for any purpose of this Part of this Act may be served—
 - (a) by delivering it to that person, or by leaving it at, or sending it by post by a registered letter or by the recorded delivery service, to his last known place of abode in the constituency or, as the case may be, the area of the authority for which the election was held; or
 - (b) if the proceeding is before any court in such other manner as the court may direct.
- (2) In proving service by post under this section it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter was prepaid, properly addressed, and registered or recorded with [^{F4}the postal operator (within the meaning of [^{F5}Part 3 of the Postal Services Act 2011]) concerned].

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in s. 184(1) substituted (16.2.2001) by [2000 c. 41, s. 138, Sch. 18 para. 19\(5\)](#); S.I. 2001/222, **art. 2 Sch. 1 Pt. I** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))
- F4** Words in s. 184(2) substituted (26.3.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1149, art. 3\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 57\(3\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 184(2) substituted (1.10.2011) by [Postal Services Act 2011 \(c. 5\), s. 93\(2\)\(3\), Sch. 12 para. 118](#); S.I. 2011/2329, art. 3

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C13** Ss. 183-186 applied (E.W.S.) by [S.I. 1986/2209, regs. 2, 3, 5\(1\)\(6\)-\(8\), Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
Ss. 183-186 applied (N.I.) by [S.I. 1986/2250, regs. 2, 3, 5, Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)
- C14** S. 184 applied (E.) (28.7.2007) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/2089\)](#), reg. 15, **Sch. 6**
- C15** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by [Elections \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1996 \(S.I. 1996/1220\)](#), art. 3(1)(b)(5)-(8), **Sch. 1**

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- S. 184 applied (with modifications) (31.7.1997) by [Referendums \(Scotland and Wales\) Act 1997](#) (c. 61), s. 3, **Sch. 3 para. 13** Table 1
- S. 184 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (25.4.1998) by [Northern Ireland Negotiations \(Referendum\) Order 1998](#) (S.I. 1998/1126), art. 6, **Sch. 2**
- S. 184 applied (with modifications) (11.3.1999) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 1999](#) (S.I. 1999/787), art. 85(1)-(3), **Sch. 6 Pts. I, II** (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by S.I. 2002/2779, **arts. 1, 2** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, **art. 2(a)**))
- S. 184 applied (with modifications) (2.4.2001) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(England\) Regulations 2001](#) (S.I. 2001/1298), reg. 19(8), **Sch. 6**
- S. 184 applied (with modifications) (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2002](#) (S.I. 2002/2779), arts. 1, 81, **Sch. 6 Pts. I, II** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, art. 2(a))
- S. 184 applied (W.) (24.3.2004) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/870), reg. 15(8), **Sch. 5** (which S.I. was revoked (24.7.2008) by S.I. 2008/1848)
- S. 184 applied (with modifications) (23.7.2004) by [The Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums Order 2004](#) (S.I. 2004/1962), art. 6(2), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
- S. 184 applied (with modifications) (15.3.2007 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/937), arts. 1, 83, **Sch. 6 Pts. I, II**
- C16** S. 184 applied (W.) (24.7.2008) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2008](#) (S.I. 2008/1848), reg. 11, **Sch. 5**
- C17** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by [The Northern Ireland Assembly \(Elections\) Order 2001](#) (S.I. 2001/2599), art. 3, **Sch. 1** (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, arts. 1(2), 3, **Sch. 1**)
- C18** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/2999), arts. 1(1), 84(2)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with art. 1(2)(3))
- C19** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010](#) (S.I. 2010/2999), arts. 1(1), 84(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2)(3))
- C20** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (9.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\)\(England\) Regulations 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/323), reg. 1, **Sch. 6**
- C21** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (18.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Council Tax Increases\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/444), reg. 1, **Sch. 6** (with reg. 27)
- C22** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (25.7.2012) by [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/1917), arts. 1(2), 50(6), **Sch. 9 para. 1(5)**
- C23** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015](#) (S.S.I. 2015/425), arts. 1(1), 82(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2))
- C24** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015](#) (S.S.I. 2015/425), arts. 1(1), 82(2)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with art. 1(2))
- C25** S. 184 applied (with modifications) (26.2.2016) by [The European Union Referendum \(Conduct\) Regulations 2016](#) (S.I. 2016/219), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 43** (with Sch. 1 para. 1(3))

185 Interpretation of Part III.

In this Part of this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“appropriate officer” has the same meaning as in section 67(7) above;

“candidate” has the same meaning as in Part II of this Act and the saving in section 117(1) above applies in relation to this Part as in relation to Part II;

“costs” includes charges and expenses;

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“date of the allowance of an authorised excuse” has the meaning assigned to it by section 86(8) above or paragraph 7 of Schedule 4 to this Act, as the case may be;

“declaration as to election expenses” means a declaration made under section 82 above or, as the case may be, paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to this Act;

[^{F6}“elective office” means any office to which a local government election is held in England or Wales;]

“judicial office” includes the office of justice of the peace;

[^{F7}“Licensing Acts” means [^{F8} the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 and] the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (as that [^{F8} Act or] Order may from time to time have effect);]

“money” and “pecuniary reward” shall be deemed to include—

- (a) any office, place or employment, and
- (b) any valuable security or other equivalent of money, and
- (c) any valuable consideration,

and expressions referring to money shall be construed accordingly;

“payment” includes any pecuniary or other reward;

“prescribed” means prescribed by rules of court, or, in Northern Ireland, such rules under section 55 of the ^{M2}Judicature (Northern Ireland Act 1978;

[^{F9} “public office” in relation to Scotland means any office held in Scotland—]

- (a) under the Crown, or
- (b) under the charter of a city or borough, or
- (c) under the Acts relating to local government or public health or public education,

whether the office is that—

- (i) of mayor, provost, chief magistrate, chairman, alderman, councillor, member of a board, commission or other local authority in any local government or other area; or
- (ii) of proper officer or other officer under a council, board, commission or other authority; or
- (iii) of any other office to which a person is elected or appointed under any such charter or enactment as is mentioned above, including any other municipal or parochial office;

“return as to election expenses” means a return made under section 81 above or, as the case maybe, paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to this Act;

“Speaker” includes Deputy Speaker and, where the office of Speaker is vacant, Clerk of the House of Commons, or any other officer for the time being performing the duties of Clerk of the House of Commons.

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in s. 185 substituted (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 41, s. 137, [Sch. 17 para. 10\(a\)](#), (with s. 156(6)); [S.I. 2001/222](#), [art. 2 Sch. 1 Pt. I](#) (with [Sch. 1 Pt. II](#))
- F7** S. 185: definition of “Licensing Acts” substituted (24.11.2005) by [Licensing Act 2003 \(c. 17\)](#), ss. 198, 201, [Sch. 6 para. 87](#) (with ss. 2(3), 15(2), 195); [S.I. 2005/3056](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#)
- F8** Words in s. 185 repealed (S.) (1.9.2009 at 5.00 a.m.) by [The Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/248\)](#), [art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

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- F9** Words in s. 185 substituted (16.2.2001) by 2000 c. 41, s. 137, **Sch. 17 para. 10(b)**, (with s. 156(6)); S.I. 2001/222, **art. 2 Sch. 1 Pt. I** (with Sch. 1 Pt. II)

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- C26** Ss. 183-186 applied (E.W.S.) by S.I. 1986/2209, regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)-(8), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
Ss. 183-186 applied (N.I.) by S.I. 1986/2250, regs. 2, 3, 5, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
- C27** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1220), **art. 3(1)(5)-(8), Sch. 1**
S. 185 applied (with modifications) (31.7.1997) by Referendums (Scotland and Wales) Act 1997 (c. 61), s. 3, **Sch. 3 para. 13** Table 1
S. 185 applied (with modifications) (S.) (11.3.1999) by The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/787) **art. 85(2)-(4), Sch. 6 Pt. II** (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by S.I. 2002/2779, **arts. 1, 2** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, **art. 2(a))**)
S. 185 applied (with modifications) (2.4.2001) by The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/1298), regs. 8, 10(4), **Sch. 3** Table 2 (subject to regs. 9-12, 15-17, 20, 25)
S. 185 applied (with modifications) (2.4.2001) by The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I. 2001/1298), **reg. 19(8), Sch. 6**
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S. 185 applied in part (23.7.2004) by The Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1962), **art. 6(2), Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
S. 185 applied (with modifications) (15.3.2007 except for specified purposes) by The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/937), **arts. 1, 83, Sch. 6 Pts. I, II**
- C28** S. 185 applied (N.I.) (25.4.1998) by Northern Ireland Negotiations (Referendum) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/1126), **art. 6, Sch. 2**
S. 185 applied (S.) (11.3.1999) by The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/787) **art. 85(1)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. I**
S. 185 applied (E.) (28.7.2007) by The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2089), **reg. 15, Sch. 6**
S. 185 applied (E.) (28.7.2007) by The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2089), **regs. 8, 11, 13, {Sch. 4 Table 1}**
- C29** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (W.) (24.7.2008) by The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1848), **reg. 8**, {Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 1}
- C30** S. 185 applied (W.) (24.7.2008) by The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Wales) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1848), **reg. 11, Sch. 5**
- C31** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by The Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/2599), **art. 3, Sch. 1** (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, **arts. 1(2), 3, Sch. 1**)
- C32** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2999), **arts. 1(1), 84(2)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with **art. 1(2)(3))**
- C33** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by The Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2999), **arts. 1(1), 84(1)(3), Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with **art. 1(2)(3))**

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- C34** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (E.W.) (9.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\)\(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/323\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6**
- C35** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (E.) (9.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\)\(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/323\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 1**
- C36** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (18.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Council Tax Increases\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/444\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 6** (with reg. 27)
- C37** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (18.2.2012) by [The Local Authorities \(Conduct of Referendums\) \(Council Tax Increases\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/444\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 1** (with reg. 27)
- C38** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (25.7.2012) by [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1917\)](#), arts. 1(2), 50(6), **Sch. 9 para. 1(5)**
- C39** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (3.8.2012) by [The Neighbourhood Planning \(Referendums\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2031\)](#), regs. 1, 8, 12, 13, **Sch. 4 Pt. 1**
- C40** S. 185 applied (with modifications) by [The Neighbourhood Planning \(Referendums\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/2031\)](#), reg. 17, **Sch. 8** Table 1 (as inserted (E.W.) (6.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/798, regs. 1, 7, **Sch. 3**)
- C41** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), arts. 1(1), 82(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2))
- C42** S. 185 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), arts. 1(1), 82(2)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with art. 1(2))

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186 Computation of time for purposes of Part III.

Section 119 above applies in computing any period of time for the purposes of this Part of this Act as for the purposes of Part II of this Act.

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- C43** Ss. 183-186 applied (E.W.S.) by [S.I. 1986/2209](#), regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)-(8), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
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- C44** S. 186 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by [Elections \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1996 \(S.I. 1996/1220\)](#), art. 3(1)(b)(5)-(8), **Sch. 1**
S. 186 applied (with modifications) (11.3.1999) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/787\)](#), art. 85(1)-(3), **Sch. 6 Pts. I, II** (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [S.I. 2002/2779](#), arts. 1, 2 (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by [S.I. 2007/937](#), art. 2(a)))
S. 186 applied (with modifications) (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2779\)](#), arts. 1, 81, **Sch. 6 Pts. I, II** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by [S.I. 2007/937](#), art. 2(a))
S. 186 applied (23.7.2004) by [The Regional Assembly and Local Government Referendums Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1962\)](#), art. 6(2), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
S. 186 applied (with modifications) (15.3.2007 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/937\)](#), arts. 1, 83, **Sch. 6 Pts. I, II**
- C45** S. 186 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by [The Northern Ireland Assembly \(Elections\) Order 2001 \(S.I. 2001/2599\)](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1** (as substituted (10.2.2009) by [S.I. 2009/256](#), arts. 1(2), 3, **Sch. 1**)
- C46** S. 186 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2999\)](#), arts. 1(1), 84(2)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with art. 1(2)(3))

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- C47** S. 186 applied (with modifications) (30.12.2010 except for specified purposes) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2999\)](#), arts. 1(1), 84(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2)(3))
- C48** S. 186 applied (with modifications) (25.7.2012) by [The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/1917\)](#), arts. 1(2), 50(6), **Sch. 9 para. 1(5)**
- C49** S. 186 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), arts. 1(1), 82(2)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 2** (with art. 1(2))
- C50** S. 186 applied (with modifications) (S.) (16.12.2015) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/425\)](#), arts. 1(1), 82(1)(3), **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with art. 1(2))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act Representation of the People Acts amended by [1985 c. 50 Sch. 1 para. 24](#)
- Act applied by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 11 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- Act applied by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 11 para. 4\(3\)](#)
- Act power to amend conferred by [2009 c. 12 s. 34\(3\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 9(2A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- s. 9E(1A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(4\)](#)
- s. 9ZA inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(3\)](#)
- s. 10(4C)(4D) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(3\)\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- s. 10A(1C)(1D) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(5\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- s. 10ZE(2A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 10ZE(4A) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 10ZE(5A)-(5C) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 13A(1)(zc) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(6\)](#)
- s. 13A(2C)(2D) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(6\)\(d\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- s. 16(1)(e) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 1\(5\)](#)
- s. 16(1)(e) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 1\(6\)](#)
- s. 49(5)(b)(iia) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 1\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 56(1)(azaa) inserted by [2021 asc 1 s. 18\(9\)](#)
- s. 61(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 61(3B) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 2\(3\)](#)
- s. 62C inserted by [2023 c. 12 s. 1](#)
- s. 63(3)(ba) inserted by [2006 c. 22 s. 7](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 7 repealed (2.4.2013) without ever being in force by 2013 c. 6, s. 23; S.I. 2013/702, art. 3(e))
- s. 66(3A)-(3F) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 7\(2\)](#)
- s. 66(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 66(6A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 7\(5\)](#)
- s. 81(4A)(4B) inserted by [2006 asp 14 s. 19\(2\)](#)

- s. 112A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 37](#)
- s. 112A inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 4\(2\)](#)
- s. 113(7)(b)(c) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 15\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 114(4) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 16](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 114A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 38](#)
- s. 114A inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 8\(1\)](#)
- s. 115(3) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 17](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 139(6A) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 19\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 160(4B)(4C) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 5 para. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 165(3A) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 20](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- s. 168(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 1 para. 2\(3\)](#)
- s. 173(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 5 para. 4\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 173(7A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 5 para. 4\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 173(9A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 5 para. 4\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- s. 176(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 32 Sch. 1 para. 2\(4\)](#)
- s. 201(2B) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- s. 203A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 table (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- s. 203A203B applied by 1989 c. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 203A203B inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 1\(11\)](#)
- s. 203B applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 table (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 11\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 19B applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 39](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 37 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 42](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 53B applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 44](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 37A inserted by [2011 c. 1 s. 9\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 9 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(a))
- Sch. 1 rule 45A45B inserted by [2011 c. 1 s. 9\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S. 9 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(a))
- Sch. 1 rule 46(3) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 5\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(3A)(3B) inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(4\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 32(1)(ba) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 5\(3\)](#)

- Sch. 1 rule 45(1B)(e) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 5\(4\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 45(2)(c) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 5\(4\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 31(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 7\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 6(6) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 29(3)(f) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 1 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 53B and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 1 para. 26](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 35(1)(c) inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 4\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 40(1B)(a) repealed by [2006 c. 22 Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 18 substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(4)(d) substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(5\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 61(2)(c) substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 10\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 62 substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 11\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 45(2)(a) substituted by [2022 c. 37 s. 5\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 6(2A) substituted by [2022 c. 37 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 47(1)(aa)(b) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 47(1)(b) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(2)-(2E) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 47(2) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(4)(aa)(b) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 47(4)(b) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(5\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 49A substituted for Sch. 1 rule 49 by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 7](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 50(1)(a)(aa)(ab)(b)(c) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 50(1)(a)-(c) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 61(2)(a)(aa) substituted for Sch. 1 rule 61(2)(a) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 10\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 46(1)(1A) substituted for rule 46(1) by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 5\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 45(1B)(d) word inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 5\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 45(2)(b) word inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 5\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 35(1)(b) word inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 4\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 45(1B)(c) word omitted by [2022 c. 37 s. 5\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 35(1)(a) word omitted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 4\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 46(2) words inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 5\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47 heading words inserted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 12(2)(c) words inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 10 para. 4](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 35(1) table words omitted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 4\(6\)](#)

- Sch. 1 rule 29(5) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 3](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 44(5) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(1) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 47(1)(d) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 53(4) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 9](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 61(1) words substituted by [2011 c. 1 Sch. 10 para. 10\(1\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 10 repealed (8.7.2011) without ever being in force by S.I. 2011/1702, arts. 1, 2(b))
- Sch. 1 rule 31(1)(a) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 s. 7\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 14(2A) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 14(2A) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 s. 10\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 6(5)(b) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 s. 11\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 35(1) table words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 4\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 35(1) table words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 4\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 1 rule 35(2) words substituted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 4\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1(4ZA)-(4ZC) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(10\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- Sch. 2 para. 1(6A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(10\)\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with Sch. 5); S.I. 2014/414, art. 5(m); S.I. 2014/2439, art. 2(l))
- Sch. 2 para. 5C inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 6A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 1 table (as inserted) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 11\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 6A applied by 1989 c. 3, Sch. 1 Pt. 1 (as amended) by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 9\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 6A inserted by [2022 c. 37 Sch. 8 para. 1\(12\)](#)