



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART I

PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRANCHISE AND ITS EXERCISE

Parliamentary and local government franchise

[^{F1}1 Parliamentary electors.

- (1) A person is entitled to vote as an elector at a parliamentary election in any constituency if on the date of the poll he—
 - (a) is registered in the register of parliamentary electors for that constituency;
 - (b) is not subject to any legal incapacity to vote (age apart);
 - (c) is either a Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; and
 - (d) is of voting age (that is, 18 years or over).
- (2) A person is not entitled to vote as an elector—
 - (a) more than once in the same constituency at any parliamentary election; or
 - (b) in more than one constituency at a general election.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1 substituted (29.1.2001 for certain purposes and 16.2.2001 otherwise) by [2000 c. 2, s. 1\(1\)](#); S.I. [2001/116, art. 2\(1\)\(2\)](#) (with [s. 2\(4\)](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1(1)(a) excluded (4.3.2016) by [Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(c. 25\), ss. 10\(5\), 24\(3\)](#); S.I. [2016/290, reg. 2](#)
- C2** S. 1(1)(d) excluded (4.3.2016) by [Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(c. 25\), ss. 10\(5\), 24\(3\)](#); S.I. [2016/290, reg. 2](#)

Changes to legislation:

Representation of the People Act 1983, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 12 October 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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 Ss. 30-34 repealed (10.6.2014 for E.W., 15.9.2014 for N.I., 19.9.2014 for S.) by Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6), s. 27(1), Sch. 4 para. 24(b) (with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\(12\)](#)