



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART II

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Supplemental

118 Interpretation of Part II.

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

“appropriate officer” has the meaning given by section 67(7) above;

[^{F1}“candidate” shall be construed in accordance with section 118A below;]

“committee room” does not include any house or room occupied by a candidate as a dwelling, by reason only of the candidate transacting business there with his agents in relation to the election, and no room or building shall be deemed to be a committee room by reason only of the candidate or any agent of the candidate addressing in it electors, committee members or others;

“date of the allowance of an authorised excuse” has the meaning given 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;

“disputed claim” has the meaning given by section 79(1) above as extended by section 80 above;

[^{F2}“election expenses”, in relation to an election, shall be construed in accordance with [^{F3}sections 90ZA] to 90D above;]

“money” and “pecuniary reward” shall (except in [^{F4}sections 71A, 113 and 114 above and Schedule 2A to this Act]) 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,

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and expressions referring to money shall be construed accordingly;

“payment” includes any pecuniary or other reward;

“personal expenses” as used with respect to the expenditure of any candidate in relation to any election includes the reasonable travelling expenses of the candidate, and the reasonable expenses of his living at hotels or elsewhere for the purposes of and in relation to the election;

“return as to election expenses” means a return (including the bills and receipts to be [^{F5}delivered] with it) to be made under section 81(1) above, or, as the case may be, paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Definition of “candidate” in s. 118 substituted (1.7.2001) by 2000 c. 41, s. 135(1)(3) (with s. 156(6)); S.I. 2001/222, art. 4, **Sch. 2 Pt. I** (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 2 Pt. II)
- F2** Definition of “election expenses” in s. 118 substituted (1.7.2001) by 2000 c. 41, s. 138(1)(2), **Sch. 18 para. 15(a)** (with s. 156(6)); S.I. 2001/222, art. 4, **Sch. 2 Pt. I** (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 2 Pt. II)
- F3** Words in s. 118 substituted (11.9.2006) by Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), ss. 74(1), 77, **Sch. 1 para. 119** (with Sch. 1 para. 133); S.I. 2006/1972, art. 3, Sch. 1 paras. 24, 25(c) (subject to transitional provisions in art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F4** Words in the definition of “money” in s. 118 substituted (1.7.2001) by 2000 c. 41, s. 138(1)(2), **Sch. 18 para. 15(b)** (with s. 156(6)); S.I. 2001/222, art. 4, **Sch. 2 Pt. I** (subject to transitional provisions in Sch. 2 Pt. II)
- F5** Word substituted by Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50, SIF 42), s. 24, **Sch. 4 para. 43**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 118 applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) by S.I. 1986/2209, regs. 2, 5(1)(6)-(8), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
S. 118 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) by S.I. 1986/2250, regs. 2, 3, 5, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
S. 118 applied (with modifications) (N.I.) (4.5.1996) by S.I. 1996/1220, art. 3(1)(5)-(8), **Sch. 1**
S. 118 applied (with modifications) (2.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/1298, reg. 8, **Sch. 3** Table 2
S. 118 applied (W.) (24.3.2004) by The Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (Wales) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/870), **reg. 8**, {Sch. 3 Table 2} (which S.I. was revoked (24.7.2008) by S.I. 2008/1848)
S. 118 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**
- C2** S. 118 applied (N.I.) (25.4.1998) by S.I. 1998/1126, art. 6, **Sch. 2**
S. 118 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}
- C3** S. 118 modified (S.) (prosp.) by Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (asp 14), ss. 35, 63, **Sch. 2 paras. 9, 13**
- C4** S. 118 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}
- C5** S. 118 applied (with modifications) (1.8.2001) by S.I. 2001/2599, art. 3, Sch. 1 (as substituted (10.2.2009) by S.I. 2009/256, arts. 1(2), 3, **Sch. 1**)
- C6** S. 118 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**
- C7** S. 118 applied (with modifications) (E.) (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)

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