



# Representation of the People Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 2

### PART III

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

##### *Prosecutions for corrupt or illegal practices*

#### **169 Prosecutions for illegal practices.**

A person guilty of an illegal practice shall on summary conviction <sup>F1</sup>. . . be [<sup>F2</sup>liable to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale; and] on a prosecution for an illegal practice it shall be sufficient to allege that the person charged was guilty of an illegal practice.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words repealed by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 28, [Sch. 5](#)  
**F2** Words substituted by [Representation of the People Act 1985 \(c. 50, SIF 42\)](#), s. 23, [Sch. 3 para. 9](#)

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 169 applied (E.W.S.) by [S.I. 1986/2209](#), regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)-(8), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)  
S. 169 applied (N.I.) by [S.I. 1986/2250](#), regs. 2, 3, 5, [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)  
S. 169 applied (N.I.) (25.4.1998) by [Northern Ireland Negotiations \(Referendum\) Order 1998 \(S.I. 1998/1126\)](#), art. 6, [Sch. 2](#)  
S. 169 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](#)}  
**C2** S. 169 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. 169 applied (with modifications) (31.7.1997) by [Referendums \(Scotland and Wales\) Act 1997 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 3, [Sch. 3 para. 13 Table 1](#)  
S. 169 applied (with modifications) (11.3.1999) by [The Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/787\)](#) art. 85, Sch. 6 Pts. I, II (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except for specified

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- purposes) by S.I. 2002/2779, **arts. 1, 2** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, **art. 2(a)**))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. 169 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. 169 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 I, II** (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, art. 2(a))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. 169 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. 169 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. 169 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**
- C3** S. 169 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}
- C4** S. 169 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**)
- C5** S. 169 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))
- C6** S. 169 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. 169 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**
- C8** S. 169 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)
- C9** S. 169 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)**
- C10** S. 169 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**
- C11** S. 169 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**)

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