



Representation of the People Act 1983

1983 CHAPTER 2

PART III

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

General provisions as to prosecutions

179 Offences by associations.

Where—

- (a) any corrupt or illegal practice or any illegal payment, employment or hiring, or
- (b) any offence under section 110 [^{F1}or 110A] above,

is committed by any association or body of persons, corporate or unincorporate, the members of the association or body who have taken part in the commission of the offence shall be liable to any fine or punishment imposed for that offence by this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 179 inserted (S.) (17.2.2007) by [Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 14\)](#), ss. 35, 63, **Sch. 2 para. 12**; S.S.I. 2007/26, **art. 3(1)(i)** (with art. 3(2))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 3 applied (with modifications) (4.3.2016) by [The Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(Recall Petition\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/295\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 4 Pt. 1** (with Sch. 4 para. 2)
- C2** S. 179 applied (E.W.S.) by S.I. 1986/2209, regs. 2, 3, 5(1)(6)-(8), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
S. 179 applied (N.I.) by S.I. 1986/2250, regs. 2, 3, 5, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
S. 179 applied (N.I.) (25.4.1998) by [Northern Ireland Negotiations \(Referendum\) Order 1998 \(S.I. 1998/1126\)](#), art. 6, **Sch. 2**
- C3** S. 179 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. 179 applied (with modifications) (31.7.1997) by [Referendums \(Scotland and Wales\) Act 1997 \(c. 61\)](#), s. 3, **Sch. 3 para. 13** Table 1

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- S. 179 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 I, II](#) (which S.I. was revoked (21.11.2002 except for specified purposes) by S.I. 2002/2779, [arts. 1, 2](#) (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, [art. 2\(a\)](#)))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. 179 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. 179 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 I, II](#) (which S.I. was revoked (15.3.2007) by S.I. 2007/937, [art. 2\(a\)](#))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. 179 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. 179 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](#)
- C4** S. 179 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](#)
- C5** S. 179 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}
- C6** S. 179 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}
- C7** S. 179 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](#))
- C8** S. 179 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))
- C9** S. 179 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))
- C10** S. 179 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](#)
- C11** S. 179 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)
- C12** S. 179 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\(5\)](#)
- C13** S. 179 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](#)
- C14** S. 179 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](#))
- C15** S. 179 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))
- C16** S. 179 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))
- C17** S. 179 modified (26.2.2016) by [The European Union Referendum \(Conduct\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/219\)](#), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 1 para. 41](#) (with [Sch. 1](#) para. 1(3))
- C18** S. 179 applied (4.3.2016) by [Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 24(3), [Sch. 3 para. 25\(1\)\(e\)](#); S.I. 2016/290, [reg. 2](#)
- C19** S. 179 applied (4.3.2016) by [Recall of MPs Act 2015 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 24(3), [Sch. 3 para. 25\(2\)\(d\)](#); S.I. 2016/290, [reg. 2](#)

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