



# Representation of the People Act 1983

## 1983 CHAPTER 2

### PART II

#### THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

##### *The Election agent*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>70A Application of s.70 in relation to election of London members of the London Assembly.**

- (1) Where a registered political party submits a list of candidates to be London members of the London Assembly at an ordinary election—
  - (a) section 70 shall not apply in relation to those candidates, but
  - (b) the following provisions of this section shall have effect in place of that section.
- (2) If no person's name and address is given as required by virtue of section 67(1A) as the election agent of all of the candidates included in the list who remain validly nominated at the latest time for delivery of notices of withdrawals—
  - (a) the candidate whose name appears highest on the list shall be deemed at that time to have been named on behalf of the party as election agent for all of the candidates; and
  - (b) any appointment of another person as election agent for those candidates shall be deemed to have been revoked.
- (3) If—
  - (a) the person whose name and address have been so given as those of the election agent for the candidates dies, and
  - (b) a new appointment is not made on the day of the death or on the following day,the candidate whose name appears highest on the list shall be deemed to have been named on behalf of the party as election agent for all of the candidates as from the time of death.

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- (4) If the appointment of the election agent for the candidates is revoked without a new appointment being made, the candidate whose name appears highest on the list shall be deemed to have been appointed (or re-appointed) election agent.
- (5) The deemed appointment of a candidate as election agent may be revoked as if it were an actual appointment.
- (6) Where a candidate included in the list is by virtue of this section to be treated as election agent, he shall be deemed to have his office—
  - (a) at his address as given in the statement as to persons nominated; or
  - (b) if that address is outside the permitted area for the office, at the qualifying address of the person (or first person) named in that statement as his proposer.
- (7) The appropriate officer, on being satisfied that a candidate is by virtue of this section to be treated as election agent, shall forthwith proceed to publish the like notice as if the name and address of the candidate and the address of his office had been duly given to him under sections 67 and 69.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 70A inserted (14.12.1999) by 1999 c. 29, s. 17, **Sch. 3 para. 15** (with **Sch. 12 para. 9(1)**); S.I. 1999/3376, **art. 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\(12\)](#)