



# Representation of the People Act 2000

## CHAPTER 2

### REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 2000

#### PART I

##### ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND FRANCHISE

###### *New system of registration*

- 1 New system of electoral registration.

###### *Disfranchisement*

- 2 Disfranchisement of offenders detained in mental hospitals.

###### *Residence for purposes of registration*

- 3 Residence for purposes of registration: general.
- 4 Residence: patients in mental hospitals who are not detained offenders or on remand.
- 5 Residence: persons remanded in custody etc.
- 6 Notional residence: declarations of local connection.

###### *Service voters*

- 7 Service declarations.

###### *Further amendments*

- 8 Further amendments about registration.

###### *Supply of information contained in register*

- 9 Restriction on supply of information contained in register.

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## PART II

### CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

#### *New electoral procedures*

- 10 Pilot schemes for local elections in England and Wales.
- 11 Revision of procedures in the light of pilot schemes.

#### *Manner of voting*

- 12 Changes relating to absent voting at elections in Great Britain.

#### *Persons with disabilities*

- 13 Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities.

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#### *Miscellaneous*

- 14 Free delivery of election addresses at Greater London Authority elections.

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- 15 Minor and consequential amendments and repeals.
- 16 Financial provisions.
- 16A Functions of the Minister for the Cabinet Office
- 17 Citation, construction, commencement and extent.

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1 — Registration: amendments of 1983 Act

#### *Introductory*

- 1 The 1983 Act is amended as follows.

#### *Residence*

- 2 In section 6 (residence: merchant seamen), for “sections 1 and...

#### *Registers of electors*

- 3 For section 9 substitute— Registers of electors. (1) Each registration officer shall maintain— (a) a register of...

#### *Maintenance of registers*

- 4 For section 10 substitute— Maintenance of registers: annual canvass. (1) Each registration officer shall conduct an annual canvass in...
- 5 Omit— (a) section 11 (correction of registers), and

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### *Publication of registers*

- 6 For section 13 substitute— Publication of registers. (1) Following the conclusion of the canvass conducted by a...

### *Service declarations*

- 7 In section 14 (service qualification), in subsection (2), for “section...  
8 (1) Section 15 (service declaration) is amended as follows.  
9 In section 16, omit the following— (a) in paragraph (b),...  
10 In section 17 (effect of service declaration), for subsection (1)...

### *Polling districts*

- 11 In section 18 (polling districts and places for parliamentary elections),...

### *Effect of registers*

- 12 (1) Section 49 (effect of registers) is amended as follows....

### *Regulations about registration*

- 13 In section 53(1) (regulations about registration)— (a) in paragraph (a),...

### *Registration appeals: England and Wales*

- 14 (1) Section 56 (registration appeals: England and Wales) is amended...

### *Registration appeals: Northern Ireland*

- 15 For section 58 substitute— Registration appeals: Northern Ireland. (1) Section 56 above, except subsection (2) and the words...

### *Service voters*

- 16 In section 59(2) (supplemental provisions as to members of forces...

### *Offences*

- 17 In section 62 (offences as to declarations), for subsection (1)...

### *Election expenses*

- 18 (1) Section 76 (limitation of election expenses) is amended as...

### *Election addresses*

- 19 In section 91 (candidate’s right to send election address post-free),...

### *Evidence of registration*

- 20 After section 180 insert— Evidence by certificate of electoral registration....

### *Regulations under the Act*

- 21 In section 201 (regulations), after subsection (2) add—

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### *Interpretation*

- 22 In section 202(1) (general interpretation)— (a) for the definition of...

### *Parliamentary elections rules*

- 23 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows....

### *Content of regulations as to registration*

- 24 (1) Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...

## SCHEDULE 2 — Registration: overseas electors

### *Introductory*

- 1 The Representation of the People Act 1985 is amended as...

### *Franchise for parliamentary elections*

- 2 For section 1 substitute— Extension of parliamentary franchise. (1) A person is entitled to vote as an elector...

### *Registration of overseas electors*

- 3 For section 2 substitute— Registration of British citizens overseas. (1) A person is entitled to be registered in a...

### *Franchise for European Parliamentary elections*

- 4 For section 3 substitute— Extension of franchise for European Parliamentary...

## SCHEDULE 3 — Registration: local elections in Northern Ireland

### *Introductory*

- 1 The Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 is amended as...

### *Registration of electors*

- 2 In section 1 (local electors in Northern Ireland), for subsections...

### *Application of provisions of 1983 Act*

- 3 (1) Part I of Schedule 1 (application of provisions of...

### *Modification of provisions of 1983 Act*

- 4 (1) Part II of Schedule 1 (modification of provisions of...

## SCHEDULE 4 — Absent voting in Great Britain

### *Interpretation*

- 1 Absent voting in Great Britain

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*Manner of voting at parliamentary or local government elections*

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies to determine the manner of voting...

*Absent vote at elections for definite or indefinite period*

- 3 (1) Where a person applies to the registration officer to...

*Absent vote at particular election*

- 4 (1) Where a person applies to the registration officer to...

*Absent voters list*

- 5 (1) The registration officer shall, in respect of each parliamentary...

*Proxies at elections*

- 6 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, any person...

*Voting as proxy*

- 7 (1) A person entitled to vote as proxy at a...

*Provision of fresh signatures*

- 7A (1) A person who remains on the record kept under...

- 7B Regulations may make provision as to— (a) circumstances in which...

*Use of personal identifier information*

- 7C The registration officer must either — (a) provide the returning...

- 7D Information contained in records kept by a registration officer in...

*Notification of rejected postal vote*

- 7E (1) Regulations may make provision as to circumstances in which,...

*Regulations under paragraph 7E in relation to local government elections in Scotland*

- 7F (1) The power to make regulations under paragraph 7E in...

*Offences*

- 8 A person who— (a) in any declaration or form used...

SCHEDULE 5 — Free delivery of election addresses at first GLA mayoral election:  
New Schedule 3A to the Greater London Authority Act 1999

SCHEDULE 6 — Minor and consequential amendments

*City of London (Various Powers) Act 1957 (c. x)*

- 1 (1) Section 8 of the City of London (Various Powers)...

*European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 (c. 10)*

- 2 .....

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### *The 1983 Act*

- 3 The 1983 Act is amended as follows.
- 4 In section 29(4C) (orders governing charges by returning officers), at...
- 5 After section 65 insert— False statements in nomination papers etc....
- 6 After section 66 insert— Prohibition on publication of exit polls...
- 7 In section 95(7) (schools for parliamentary election meetings not to...
- 8 In section 108(4) (premises not to be used as committee...
- 9 In section 202(1) (general interpretation)— (a) in the definition of...
- 10 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows....
- 11 (1) Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...

### *Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50)*

- 12 The Representation of the People Act 1985 is amended as...
- 13 (1) Section 5 (manner of voting) is amended as follows....
- 14 (1) Section 6 (absent vote at elections for an indefinite...
- 15 (1) Section 7 (absent vote at a particular election and...
- 16 (1) Section 8 (proxies at elections) is amended as follows....
- 17 (1) Section 9 (voting as proxy) is amended as follows....
- 18 In section 27(2) (application of provisions of 1983 Act)—

### *Finance Act 1996 (c. 8)*

- 19 In section 200 of the Finance Act 1996 (domicile for...

#### SCHEDULE 7 — Repeals

Part I — REPEALS EXTENDING TO WHOLE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Part II — REPEALS EXTENDING TO ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

Part III — REPEALS EXTENDING TO NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY

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#### **Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Sch. 2 para. 1–4 repealed by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 7 para. 11(a)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(4)(a)(ii) omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(4)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(6)(a)(ii) omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(5)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 4 para. 6(6)(a) omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 7(3)(a)
- Sch. 4 power to amend by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 2 para. 12(1)(a)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(4)(a)(i) word omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(4)(a)(i)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(5)(c) word omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(5)(a)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(9) word omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(6)(a)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(1)(b) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(2)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(5)(d) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(5)(c)(ii)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(7) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(6)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(5)(c) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(3)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(9)(d) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(6)(c)
- Sch. 4 para. 6(6)(b) words inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 7(3)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(1) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(2)(a)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(7) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(6)(a)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(4)(a) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(2)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(6)(a)(i) words omitted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(5)(a)(i)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(5)(d) words substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(5)(c)(i)
- Sch. 4 para. 3 heading word substituted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(8)

#### **Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 4 para. 3(1A)(1B) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(3)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(4)(aa)(ab) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(4)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(5)(ca) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(5)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 3(7A)(7B) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 2(7)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(5A) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(4)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(6)(aa)(ab) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(5)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 7(9)(ca) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 3 para. 3(6)(b)
- Sch. 4 para. 6(5C)-(5F) inserted by 2022 c. 37 Sch. 4 para. 7(2)