Representation of the People Act 2000

CHAPTER 2

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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
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—
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
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 .................................
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
Changes to legislation:
There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Representation of the People Act 2000.