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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 6

#### MINOR AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

##### *The 1983 Act*

- 10 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows.
- (2) In rule 5(2) (notice of election to state date by which applications for postal votes etc. are to be made), after “by which” insert “ (except in such circumstances as may be prescribed) ”.
- (3) For rule 24 substitute—
- “24 The returning officer shall, in accordance with regulations, issue to those entitled to vote by post a ballot paper and a declaration of identity in the prescribed form, together with such envelopes for their return (whether free of charge or otherwise) as may be prescribed.”
- (4) In rule 45 (the count)—
- (a) after paragraph (1A) insert—
- “(1B) A postal ballot paper shall not, in England, Wales or Scotland, be taken to be duly returned unless—
- (a) it is returned in the prescribed manner and reaches the returning officer or a polling station in the constituency before the close of the poll, and
- (b) the declaration of identity, duly signed and authenticated, is also returned in the prescribed manner and reaches him or such a polling station before that time.”; and
- (b) in paragraph (2), after “shall not” insert “, in Northern Ireland, ”.

#### Commencement Information

**11** Sch. 6 para. 10 wholly in force at 16.2.2001, see s. 17(3) and S.I. 2001/116, art. 2(1) (subject to art 2(3-5))

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