



# Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

## 2000 CHAPTER 41

### PART I **U.K.**

#### THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

##### *Commission's general functions*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>9A** Setting of performance standards **U.K.**

- (1) The Commission may from time to time—
  - (a) determine standards of performance for relevant officers [<sup>F2</sup>mentioned in subsection (2)], and
  - (b) publish, in such form and in such manner as they consider appropriate, the standards so determined.
- (2) The standards of performance are such standards as the Commission think ought to be achieved by—
  - (a) electoral registration officers in the performance of their functions;
  - (b) returning officers in the administration of the elections specified in subsection (6);
  - (c) counting officers in the administration of the referendums specified in subsection (7).
- (3) Before determining standards under subsection (1), the Commission must consult—
  - (a) the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) any other person they think appropriate.
- (4) The Commission may determine different standards for different descriptions of relevant officers.

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- (5) When the Commission publish standards under subsection (1) they must send a copy of the published standards to the Secretary of State who must lay a copy of the published standards before each House of Parliament.
- [ In relation to electoral registration officers for areas in Wales, the reference to their  
<sup>F3</sup>(5A) functions in subsection (2)(a) is a reference to their functions in relation to registers of parliamentary electors.]
- [ But subsections (3) and (5) do not apply in relation to standards relating to—  
<sup>F4</sup>(5A) (a) Scottish Parliamentary general elections,  
 (b) elections held under section 9 of the Scotland Act 1998 (constituency vacancies), or  
 (c) local government elections in Scotland.]
- (6) The elections specified in this subsection are—
- (a) an election mentioned in section 5(2) [<sup>F5</sup>other than one mentioned in paragraph (d) of that subsection];
- (b) a parliamentary by-election;
- (c) an election under section 9 of the Scotland Act 1998 (constituency vacancies);
- <sup>F6</sup>(d) .....  
 [ an election under section 51 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility  
<sup>F7</sup>(da) Act 2011 (election to fill vacancy in office of police and crime commissioner);]
- (e) a local government election in England <sup>F8</sup>....  
 [ a local government election in Scotland.]  
<sup>F9</sup>(f)
- (7) The referendums specified in this subsection are—
- (a) a referendum to which Part 7 applies;
- (b) [<sup>F10</sup>a referendum under Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.]
- (8) For the purposes of this section and sections [<sup>F11</sup>9AA,] 9B and 9C, the relevant officers are—
- (a) electoral registration officers;
- (b) in relation to elections within subsection (6) [<sup>F12</sup>or section 9AA(6) ], returning officers;
- (c) in relation to referendums within subsection (7) [<sup>F13</sup> or section 9AA(7)], counting officers.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 9A-9C inserted (11.9.2006) by [Electoral Administration Act 2006 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 67, 77(2)**; S.I. 2006/1972, **art. 3**, **Sch. 1 para. 23** (subject to art. 4, Sch. 2)
- F2** Words in s. 9A(1)(a) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(2)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)
- F3** S. 9A(5A) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(3)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)
- F4** S. 9A(5A) inserted (S.) (1.10.2020) by [Scottish Elections \(Reform\) Act 2020 \(asp 12\)](#), **ss. 14(2), 35**; S.S.I. 2020/278, reg. 2, sch.
- F5** Words in s. 9A(6)(a) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by [Senedd and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2020 \(anaw 1\)](#), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(4)(a)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)

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- F6** S. 9A(6)(d) omitted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by virtue of Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(4)(b)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)
- F7** S. 9A(6)(da) inserted (25.4.2012) by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (c. 13), s. 157(1), **Sch. 10 para. 13**; S.I. 2012/1129, art. 2(g)
- F8** Words in s. 9A(6)(e) omitted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by virtue of Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(4)(c)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)
- F9** S. 9A(6)(f) inserted (S.) (29.6.2011) by Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 10), **ss. 13(1)**, 21(1); S.S.I. 2011/277, art. 2(b)
- F10** S. 9A(7)(b) omitted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by virtue of Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(5)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)
- F11** Word in s. 9A(8) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(6)(a)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)
- F12** Words in s. 9A(8)(b) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(6)(b)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)
- F13** Words in s. 9A(8)(c) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2020) by Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 (anaw 1), s. 42(3)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 9(6)(c)**; S.I. 2020/1052, art. 2(b)

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**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):

- s. 2(2A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(1\)](#)
- s. 4A-4E and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 16](#)
- s. 8(3)(d) inserted by [2011 c. 13 Sch. 10 para. 12](#)
- s. 13ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(1\)](#)
- s. 54(2ZA)-(2ZC) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 56(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 56(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 56(3B) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 9\(4\)](#)
- s. 71H(3ZA) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 19](#)
- s. 71L(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) Sch. 1 para. 2 renumbered as Sch. 1 para. 2(1) by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(2) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 2(1) words omitted by [2022 c. 37 s. 19\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 18\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4 and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 37 s. 17\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 8(1A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 2](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 2\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 1\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 10(5)(aa) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 8(9A) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 7A para. 9(10)(ba) inserted by [2009 c. 12 s. 11\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 11 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 29\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3)(4) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 3 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 7(2)(aa) inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 8](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 6(1)(aa) substituted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 4 para. 7\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 15 para. 4(3) words inserted by [2009 c. 12 Sch. 6 para. 30\(3\)](#)