

## Elections Act 2001

## **2001 CHAPTER 7**

Northern Ireland

## 5 Finance

- (1) This section applies if the polls at the following elections in Northern Ireland are combined under section 15 of the Representation of the People Act 1985—
  - (a) any parliamentary general election for which the date of the poll is 7th June 2001, and
  - (b) the local elections for which the election day is that date.
- (2) Section 15(4) of that Act (cost of combined polls to be apportioned equally among the elections) does not apply.
- (3) Section 29 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2) (charges of returning officer in connection with parliamentary election charged on Consolidated Fund) applies as if the reference in subsection (3) to a parliamentary election were to the elections referred to in subsection (1) above.
- (4) The Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/774) is to be taken to apply to the elections referred to in subsection (1) above and references to an election or a parliamentary election in that Order are to be construed accordingly.
- (5) Part A of the Schedule to that Order is modified as follows-
  - (a) the amount specified in the right-hand column in paragraph 1(2) (maximum recoverable expenses in respect of presiding officers) is increased by £67.25;
  - (b) the amount specified in the right-hand column in paragraph 1(3) (increase in maximum recoverable expenses in respect of only one presiding officer at certain polling stations) is increased by £3.02;
  - (c) the amount specified in the right-hand column in paragraph 2(2) (maximum recoverable expenses in respect of poll clerks) is increased by £34.80.

(6) References to the Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officer's Charges) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 include references to that Order as amended whether the amendment is made before or after this section comes into force.