



Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 13

1 Registration: provision of signature, date of birth and other information

- (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2) (in this Act referred to as “the 1983 Act”) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 10 (maintenance of registers: annual canvass), after subsection (4) there is inserted—

“(4A) Subject to subsection (4B) below, the information to be obtained by the use of such a form for the purposes of a canvass in Northern Ireland shall include—

- (a) the signature of each of the persons in relation to whom the form is completed;
- (b) the date of birth of each such person; and
- (c) in relation to each such person—

- (i) his national insurance number or a statement that he does not have one,

- (ii) a statement of whether or not he has been resident in Northern Ireland for the whole of the three-month period ending on the 15th October in the year in question, and

- (iii) any address in the United Kingdom in respect of which he is or has applied to be registered (other than the address in respect of which the form is completed),

and the power in subsection (4) above to prescribe a form includes power to give effect to the requirements of this subsection.

(4B) The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland may dispense with the requirement mentioned in subsection (4A)(a) above in relation to any person if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for that person to sign in a consistent and distinctive way because of any incapacity of his or because he is unable to read.”

- (3) In section 10A (maintenance of registers: registration of electors)—

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- (a) after subsection (1) there is inserted—

“(1A) Subject to subsection (1B) below, an application for registration in respect of an address in Northern Ireland shall include—

- (a) the signature of each of the persons to whom the application relates;
- (b) the date of birth of each such person; and
- (c) in relation to each such person—
 - (i) his national insurance number or a statement that he does not have one,
 - (ii) a statement of whether or not he has been resident in Northern Ireland for the whole of the three-month period ending on the date of the application, and
 - (iii) any other address in the United Kingdom in respect of which he is or has applied to be registered,

and the power in subsection (1) above to prescribe requirements includes power to give effect to the requirements of this subsection.

(1B) The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland may dispense with the requirement mentioned in subsection (1A)(a) above in relation to any person if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for that person to sign in a consistent and distinctive way because of any incapacity of his or because he is unable to read.”

- (b) in subsection (5), at the beginning there is inserted “Subject to subsection (5A) below,”
- (c) after subsection (5) there is inserted—

“(5A) A person’s name is to be removed from the register in respect of any address if—

- (a) the form mentioned in section 10(4) above in respect of that address does not include all the information relating to him required by virtue of section 10(4A) above; or
- (b) the registration officer determines that he is not satisfied with the information relating to that person which was included in that form pursuant to that requirement.”

- (d) in subsection (6), after “above,” there is inserted “or his name is to be removed from it by virtue of subsection (5A) above,” and
- (e) in subsection (8), after “(5)” there is inserted “, (5A)”.

- (4) In section 13A (alteration of registers), after subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) Subject to subsection (2B) below, an application for registration under subsection (1)(a) above in respect of an address in Northern Ireland shall include—

- (a) the signature of each of the persons to whom the application relates;
- (b) the date of birth of each such person; and
- (c) in relation to each such person—
 - (i) his national insurance number or a statement that he does not have one,

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- (ii) a statement of whether or not he has been resident in Northern Ireland for the whole of the three-month period ending on the date of the application, and
- (iii) any other address in the United Kingdom in respect of which he is or has applied to be registered,

and the power in subsection (1)(a) above to prescribe requirements includes power to give effect to the requirements of this subsection.

(2B) The Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland may dispense with the requirement mentioned in subsection (2A)(a) above in relation to any person if he is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for that person to sign in a consistent and distinctive way because of any incapacity of his or because he is unable to read.”

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 1 modified (prosp.) by [Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 \(c. 12\)](#), [ss. 33\(1\)](#), 43

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 1 modified by [2009 c. 12 s. 33\(1\)](#)