



# Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 2

### 1 Exclusion of candidate selection from 1975 Act

At the beginning of Part 5 of the Sex Discrimination Act [1975 \(c. 65\)](#) insert—

**“42A Selection of candidates**

- (1) Nothing in Parts 2 to 4 shall—
  - (a) be construed as affecting arrangements to which this section applies, or
  - (b) render unlawful anything done in accordance with such arrangements.
- (2) This section applies to arrangements made by a registered political party which—
  - (a) regulate the selection of the party’s candidates in a relevant election, and
  - (b) are adopted for the purpose of reducing inequality in the numbers of men and women elected, as candidates of the party, to be members of the body concerned.
- (3) The following elections are relevant elections for the purposes of this section—
  - (a) parliamentary elections;
  - (b) elections to the European Parliament;
  - (c) elections to the Scottish Parliament;
  - (d) elections to the National Assembly for Wales;
  - (e) local government elections within the meaning of section 191, 203 or 204 of the Representation of the People Act [1983 \(c. 2\)](#) (excluding any election of the Mayor of London).
- (4) In this section “registered political party” means a party registered in the Great Britain register under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act [2000 \(c. 41\)](#).”.