



# Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 2

### 2 Exclusion of candidate selection from 1976 Order

At the beginning of Part 6 of the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 (S.I.1976/1042 (N.I. 15)) insert—

#### “43A Selection of election candidates

- (1) Nothing in Parts 3 to 5 shall—
  - (a) be construed as affecting arrangements to which this Article applies, or
  - (b) render unlawful anything done in accordance with such arrangements.
- (2) This Article 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 Article—
  - (a) parliamentary elections;
  - (b) elections to the European Parliament;
  - (c) elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly;
  - (d) elections to a district council.
- (4) In this Article “registered political party” means a party registered in the Northern Ireland register under Part 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41).”.