

SCHEDULE

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS ETC

Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2)

- 11 (1) Amend rule 2 in Schedule 1 as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (1) omit the words from “, and any such day” to the end.
- (3) After paragraph (1) insert—
- “(1A) In relation to a general election, any day within paragraph (1)(a) to (c) shall not be treated as a day for the purpose of any proceedings in the Timetable before the polling day.
- (1B) In relation to a by-election, any day within paragraph (1)(a) to (c) shall not be treated as a day for the purpose of any proceedings in the Timetable up to the completion of the poll nor shall the returning officer be obliged to proceed with the counting of the votes on such a day.”
- (4) Omit paragraph (2)(ii) and the “and” before it.
- (5) After paragraph (2) insert—
- “(2A) In relation to a general election, this rule does not apply to a day which is a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning if—
- (a) the day was not fixed or appointed as such before the dissolution of Parliament by section 3(1) of the Fixed-term Parliaments Act 2011, or
- (b) the day is one that is treated as a working day by section 3(6) of that Act.
- But, in relation to any proceedings commenced afresh by reason of a candidate’s death, this paragraph is to be ignored.”