

# Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013

# **CHAPTER 6**

# ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013

## PART 1

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- 15 Timing of parish and community council elections in England and Wales
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#### SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — Register of electors: alterations and removal

- 1 After section 10ZC of the Representation of the People Act...
- 2 (1) Registration officers in Great Britain must have regard to...
- 3 In section 13A(1)(d) of the Representation of the People Act...

SCHEDULE 2 — Sharing and checking information etc

- 1 Schedule 2 to the Representation of the People Act 1983...
- 2 After paragraph 1 insert— (1) Provision authorising or requiring a person to disclose information...
- 3 After paragraph 8B (inserted by section 2) insert— (1) Provision requiring the retention or disposal, or otherwise regulating...
- 4 In paragraph 13, after sub-paragraph (1ZA) insert—
- 5 In section 53 of the Representation of the People Act...

SCHEDULE 3 — Civil penalty for failing to make application when required by registration officer

In the Representation of the People Act 1983, before Schedule...

SCHEDULE 4 — Amendments to do with Part 1

#### Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2)

- 1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as...
- 2 In section 7 (residence: patients in mental hospitals who are...
- 3 In section 7A (residence: persons remanded in custody etc), in...
- 4 In section 7C (effect of declaration of local connection), in...
- 5 In section 9 (registers of electors), in subsection (2)—
- 6 (1) Section 9A (registration officers: duty to take necessary steps)...
- 7 (1) Section 9B (anonymous registration) is amended as follows.
- 8 (1) Section 9C (removal of anonymous entries) is amended as...
- 9 (1) Section 10 (maintenance of the registers: duty to conduct...
- 10 (1) Section 10A (maintenance of the registers: registration of electors)...
- 11 (1) Section 13 (publication of registers) is amended as follows....
- 12 (1) Section 13A (alteration of registers) is amended as follows....

- 13 In section 13B (alteration of registers in Great Britain: pending...
- 14 Omit section 13BB (election falling within canvass period).
- 15 In section 15 (service declaration), in subsection (2), after paragraph...
- 16 (1) Section 49 (effect of registers) is amended as follows....
- 17 In section 54(1) (payment of expenses of registration), after "under...
- 18 In section 56(1) (registration appeals: England and Wales), for paragraphs...
- 19 In section 62 (offences as to declarations), in subsection (1A),...
- 20 (1) Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...

Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50)

21 In section 2 of the Representation of the People Act...

Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2)

22 In Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act...

Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22)

23 In Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (amendments),...

Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12)

24 In the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 the following...

SCHEDULE 5 — Transitional provision to do with Part 1 PART 1 — INTRODUCTION

Applications for registration etc made before commencement

1 The amendments made by Part 1 of this Act do...

Meaning of "commencement date"

2 In this Schedule "commencement date" means the date appointed for...

Meaning of "new application for registration" and "successful" new application

3 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule, a person ("P")...

Checking of old entries and meaning of "confirmation" of entitlement to remain registered

4 (1) The Minister may by order require a registration officer...
PART 2 — REMOVAL OF EXISTING REGISTRATIONS BY END OF THE THIRD NEW CANVASS

Removal of certain existing registrations after the first new canvass

5 (1) A registration officer in Great Britain must, immediately before...

Removal of existing registrations after the third new canvass

6 A registration officer in Great Britain must, immediately before the...

This Part not to apply to persons within Part 5 or 6 below

7 In this Part of this Schedule, references to a person...

PART 3 — ENCOURAGING NEW APPLICATIONS

Registration officers to invite applications in year of first new canvass from those with existing registrations

8 (1) A registration officer in Great Britain must, within a...

Powers to delay canvasses and timing of canvasses

9 (1) The Minister may by order—(a) postpone any canvass...

Canvass forms need not be supplied to addresses to which invitations supplied

10 (1) At the first new canvass, a registration officer is...

Registration officers to invite applications in year of second new canvass from those with existing registrations

11 (1) A registration officer in Great Britain must, on or...

Invitations under paragraph 8 or 11 and power to require application following invitation

- 12 The Minister may by order make provision in connection with...
- 13 (1) A registration officer who gives a person an invitation...

Power to require additional information on poll cards at 2014 European Parliamentary election

14 Regulations under section 7(1) of the European Parliamentary Elections Act...

Certain provisions of this Part not to apply to persons within Part 5 or 6 below

15 In this Part of this Schedule, references to a person... PART 4 — ABSENT VOTING

Applicant for absent vote must have made successful new application for registration or had registration confirmed

16 (1) For the purposes of an absent voting application made...

Entitlement to absent vote ceases after first new canvass if no successful new application for registration or confirmation of registration

17 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if, on the day on which...

Proxies to have made successful new application for registration or had registration confirmed

18 A person is to be regarded as registered in a...

*Proxy for existing absent voter need not have made successful new application for registration or had registration confirmed until after first new canvass* 

19 (1) The amendment made by section 3 (read with paragraph...
PART 5 — PERSONS WITH EXISTING REGISTRATIONS BY VIRTUE OF DECLARATIONS ETC

Meaning of "relevant person"

20 (1) In this Part of this Schedule "relevant person" means...

Relevant person's first renewal of registration after 3-month transitional period: successful new application required

21 (1) On the first occasion after the transitional period on...

Application for absent vote before first renewal of registration after 3-month transitional period: relevant person need not have made successful new application for registration

22 (1) An absent voting application made by a relevant person...

Proxy for relevant person need not have made successful new application for registration until relevant person's first successful new application for registration

 23 (1) The amendment made by section 3 of this Act...
PART 6 — PERSONS WITH EXISTING REGISTRATIONS BY VIRTUE OF SECTION 7(2) OR 7A(2) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

Meaning of "relevant person"

24 In this Part of this Schedule "relevant person" means a...

Amendments not to apply to application made by relevant person before first renewal of registration after 3-month transitional period

25 (1) The amendments made by Part 1 of this Act...

Application for absent vote before first renewal of registration after 3-month transitional period: relevant person need not have made successful new application for registration

26 (1) An absent voting application made by a relevant person...

Proxy for relevant person need not have made successful new application for registration until relevant person's first successful new application for registration

27 (1) The amendment made by section 3 of this Act... PART 7 — SUPPLEMENTARY

*Power to bring forward effect of paragraph 6* 

28 (1) The Minister may by order provide for paragraph 6...

Power to make supplementary provision

29 The Minister may by order make provision for supplementing, or...

Interpretation of this Schedule

30 (1) In this Schedule— "the first new canvass" means the...

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