

## **RECALL OF MPS ACT 2015**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS (AND SCHEDULES)**

##### ***Schedule 2: Alteration of registers of parliamentary electors***

54. **Schedule 2** sets out how electoral registers can be altered during the recall petition process. It makes amendments to a number of existing provisions in the RPA 1983 relating to registering, in order to cater for the new recall petition regime.
55. The Schedule provides that if there is a determination, requirement or decision to alter the register before the cut-off day (which is the third working day before the beginning of the six week signing period) in order to add or remove a person from the register, or alter a person's registration - but that alteration has not yet been made - the registration officer must issue a notice on the cut-off day describing the alteration to be made and the notice has immediate effect (see new section 13BC(2) and (3) of the 1983 Act which is inserted by *paragraph 7*). If the requirement or determination falls within section 13A(1)(za), (zb) or (a) of the 1983 Act, this applies only if the requirement or determination is in respect of an application for registration made on or before the day on which the Speaker's notice was given (new section 13BC(2)(a)(i) and (ii) and (10)(b)).
56. If at any time on or after the cut-off day and before the prescribed time on the last day of the six week signing period the petition officer receives notification or makes a determination that an alteration is needed to the register as a result of a court order or the discovery of incorrect information, the petition officer must issue a notice setting out the alteration that will be made. The petition officer's notice must be issued on the day that he or she receives the notification or makes the determination and the notice has immediate effect (new section 13BC(5)-(7)).