

## European Union Referendum Act 2015

## **2015 CHAPTER 36**

## The referendum

## 4 Conduct regulations, etc

- (1) The Minister may by regulations—
  - (a) make provision about voting in the referendum and otherwise about the conduct of the referendum, which may include provision corresponding to any provision of Schedules 2 and 3 to the 2011 Act (with or without modifications);
  - (b) apply for the purposes of the referendum, with or without modifications—
    - (i) any provision of the 1983 Act, or
    - (ii) any other enactment relating to elections or referendums,

including provisions creating offences;

- (c) further modify the 2000 Act for the purposes of the referendum;
- (d) modify or exclude any provision of any other enactment (other than this Act) that applies to the referendum.
- (2) The Minister may by regulations make provision for and in connection with the combination of the poll for the referendum with any one or more of the following—
  - (a) the poll for any election specified in the regulations;
  - (b) the poll for any other referendum specified in the regulations.

Regulations under this subsection may amend or modify any enactment (but may not alter the date of the poll for any such election or other referendum).

- (3) The reference in subsection (2) to any enactment includes—
  - (a) the definition of "counting officer" in section 11(1),
  - (b) section 11(2), and
  - (c) Schedule 3,

but does not include any other provision of this Act.

- (4) The Minister may by regulations make such amendments or modifications of this Act or any other enactment as appear to the Minister to be necessary because the referendum is to be held in Gibraltar as well as the United Kingdom.
- (5) Regulations under this section may, in particular—
  - (a) make provision for disregarding alterations in a register of electors;
  - (b) make provision extending or applying to (or extending or applying only to) Gibraltar or any part of the United Kingdom;
  - (c) make different provision for different purposes.
- (6) Before making any regulations under this section, the Minister must consult the Electoral Commission.
- (7) Consultation carried out before the commencement of this section is as effective for the purposes of subsection (6) as consultation carried out after that commencement.