



# Elections Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 37

### PART 6

#### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED WITH ELECTRONIC MATERIAL

##### *Definitions*

### **39 Definitions relating to electronic material and publication**

- (1) The following definitions have effect for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) “Electronic material” means material in electronic form which consists of or includes—
  - (a) text or moving or still images, or
  - (b) speech or music.
- (3) In this Part “electronic material” does not include material to the extent that it is received by a person in the form of—
  - (a) a telephone call made to the person at a telephone number allocated to them in accordance with a national or international numbering plan, or
  - (b) a Short Message Service text message sent to such a telephone number.
- (4) “The promoter”, in relation to electronic material, means the person causing the material to be published.
- (5) “Publish” means make available to the public at large or any section of the public.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend this section so as to modify the definition of “electronic material”, “the promoter” or “publish” that for the time being has effect for the purposes of this Part.

#### **Commencement Information**

**11** S. 39 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 67\(1\)](#)

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**I2** [S. 39](#) in force at 1.11.2023 by [S.I. 2023/1145](#), [reg. 3\(f\)](#) (with [Sch. para. 10](#))

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 9 para. 35(ea) inserted by [2023 c. 47 s. 3\(3\)](#)