

1973 No. 229

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Rural Borough Council Election (Amendment) Rules 1973

Made - - - 13th February 1973

Laid before Parliament 23rd February 1973

Coming into Operation 19th March 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 29 of the Representation of the People Act 1949(a) (as extended by paragraphs 1 and 7 of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 1958(b)), I hereby make the following Rules for the conduct of an election of rural borough councillors:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Rural Borough Council Election (Amendment) Rules 1973 and shall come into operation on 19th March 1973.

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, “the principal Rules” means the Rural Borough Council Election Rules 1970(c), as amended(d).

(2) In the principal Rules as amended by these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression “district councillors”, without more, means councillors of a district within the meaning of section 270(1) of the Local Government Act 1972(e).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(f) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. For Rule 3(1) of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(1) The returning officer at the ordinary elections in 1973 of district councillors shall be the returning officer at the ordinary elections in that year of rural borough councillors for rural boroughs situate within that district.”.

4. For any reference in the principal Rules, except in rules 47 to 50 in Schedule 1 to the principal Rules, to a rural district there shall be substituted a reference to a district within the meaning of section 270(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

(a) 1949 c. 68.

(c) S.I. 1970/197 (1970 I, p. 843).

(e) 1972 c. 70.

(b) 1958 c. 55.

(d) S.I. 1971/547 (1971 I, p. 1542).

(f) 1889 c. 63.

5. In Rule 5 of the principal Rules for the words "clerk of the council of the rural district in which the rural borough is situate" there shall be substituted the words "returning officer".

6. In rule 1 in Schedule 1 to the principal Rules, for the word "fifth" there shall be substituted the word "sixth" and for the word "third" there shall be substituted the word "fifth".

Robert Carr,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
13th February 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Rural Borough Council Election Rules 1970, as amended, so that ordinary elections of rural borough councillors and district councillors in 1973 can be combined. The returning officer at district elections is to be the returning officer at rural borough elections and the timetable at rural borough elections has been amended to fit with the timetable for district elections.

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