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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1985 No. 454**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

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**THE LOCAL ELECTIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985**

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