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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1220**

**Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**Regional delegates: supplementary provision**

6.—(1) As soon as practicable after the result of the poll has been ascertained in every constituency in which there is a contested election, the Chief Electoral Officer shall make the calculations required by paragraph 14(1) of Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1996 Act.

(2) Where, after making those calculations, an equality of votes is found to exist between any parties and the addition of a vote would entitle candidates from the regional list of any of those parties to be returned, the Chief Electoral Officer shall forthwith decide between those parties by lot, and return as delegates candidates on the regional list of the party on whom the lot falls.

(3) The Chief Electoral Officer shall forthwith—

- (a) declare to be delegates the candidates returned under paragraphs 14(2) and 15 of Part I of Schedule 1 to the 1996 Act, and paragraph (2) above, and
- (b) give public notice of the names of those candidates and of the total number of votes given for each party having a regional list.

(4) This article shall have effect as if included in the elections rules.