
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 1877

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

**The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland)
(Amendment) Regulations 2001**

Made - - - - - *10th May 2001*

Coming into force - - - - - *11th May 2001*

Whereas a draft of these Regulations has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament;

And whereas the Secretary of State has, in accordance with section 7(1) and (2)(e) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(a), consulted the Electoral Commission about these Regulations;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 53(b), 201(1) and (3)(c) of, and paragraph 10B(1)(a) of Schedule 2 to, the Representation of the People Act 1983(d), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(2) These Regulations extend to Northern Ireland only.

2. The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001(e) shall be amended as follows.

3. In regulation 3(1) (interpretation), for the definition of “data” substitute—

““data” means information which is recorded with the intention that it should be processed by means of equipment operating automatically in response to instructions given for that purpose;”.

4. In regulation 47 (supply of free copies of register and list of overseas electors on request), after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) For the purposes of this regulation “register” includes any revised version of the register under section 13(1) and (3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983(f) and any notice under sections 13A(2) and 13B(3) of that Act.”.

Northern Ireland Office
10th May 2001

John Reid
One of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State

(a) 2000 c. 41.

(b) Section 53 was amended by Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2) “the 2000 Act”.

(c) Section 201(1) was amended by S.I. 1991/1728 and section 201(3) was inserted by Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act.

(d) 1983 c. 2; paragraph 10B was inserted by section 9 of the 2000 Act.

(e) S.I. 2001/400.

(f) Sections 13 to 13B were substituted by Schedule 1 to the 2000 Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001. They ensure that the provisions empowering the supply of copies of the register under regulation 47 extend to providing copies of any revised versions of the register and of notices published by registration officers in between the annual revision of the register. This is consequential on the introduction of the rolling register.

The Regulations also amend the definition of “data”.

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