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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 236**

The National Assembly for Wales  
(Representation of the People) Order 2007

PART 4

**Legal proceedings**

**Costs of petition**

**104.**—(1) All costs of and incidental to the presentation of an Assembly election petition and the proceedings consequent on it, except such as are by this Order otherwise provided for, shall be defrayed by the parties to the petition in such manner and in such proportions as the election court or High Court may determine.

(2) In particular—

- (a) any costs which in the opinion of the election court or High Court have been caused by vexatious conduct, unfounded allegations or unfounded objections on the part either of a petitioner or of a respondent; and
- (b) any needless expense incurred or caused on the part of a petitioner or respondent, may be ordered to be defrayed by the parties by whom it has been incurred or caused whether or not they are on the whole successful.