
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 1741

**The Representation of the People
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008**

PART 4

ABSENT VOTERS

Closing date for applications

61.—(1) An application under section 6(1) or (5), 8(6) or 9(4) of the 1985 Act shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the fourteenth day before the day of the poll at that election.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), an application under section 7(1) or (2), 8(7) or 9(7) or (8) of the 1985 Act shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the fourteenth day before the day of the poll at the election for which is made.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not apply to an application which satisfies the requirements of either paragraphs (6) and (7) or paragraph (8) of regulation 59; and such an application shall be refused if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the day of the poll at the election for which it is made.

(4) An application under—

- (a) section 6(4)(a) of the 1985 Act by an elector to be removed from the record kept under section 6(3) of that Act; or
- (b) section 9(11)(a) of that Act by a proxy to be removed from the record kept under section 9(6) of that Act,

and a notice under section 8(9) of that Act by an elector cancelling a proxy's appointment shall be disregarded for the purposes of a particular election if it is received by the registration officer after 5 p.m. on the fourteenth day before the date of the poll at that election.

(5) In computing a period of days for the purposes of this regulation, Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday shall be disregarded.

(6) In paragraph (5) "bank holiday" means—

- (a) in relation to a general election, a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁽¹⁾ in any part of the United Kingdom; and
- (b) in relation to a by-election, a day which is a bank holiday under that Act in Northern Ireland,

except that where, at a parliamentary general election, any proceedings are commenced afresh by reason of a candidate's death, sub-paragraph (b), not sub-paragraph (a), shall apply.

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- Regulations amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2009/256, Sch. 2 by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 23](#)
- Regulations applied (with modifications) by [2015 c. 36 Sch. 3 para. 15](#)
- reg. 61 modified by [S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 77](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 6A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 9](#)
- reg. 5(1) reg. 5 renumbered as reg. 5(1) by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4\(a\)](#)
- reg. 5(1) word inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4\(b\)](#)
- reg. 5(2) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 4\(c\)](#)
- reg. 13A13B inserted by [S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 3](#)
- reg. 17(3)(c) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 12\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 20(5A) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 20(6A)(6B) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- reg. 22(3)(d) and word inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 22(6) inserted by [2014 c. 13 s. 15\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- reg. 23A-23C inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 8](#)
- reg. 23A(4) modified by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 27\(3\)](#)
- reg. 25(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2016/295 art. 152\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 25A-25C inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 11](#)
- reg. 25B(2)(a)(iv) words substituted by [S.I. 2024/319 reg. 14\(2\)](#)
- reg. 25B(4) omitted by [S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3\(3\)](#)
- reg. 26A inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 4](#)
- reg. 26A(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11\(3\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(c)-(cb) substituted for reg. 27(1)(c) by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(g) and word inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 5\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(caa) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 18\(2\)](#)
- reg. 27(1)(caa) words substituted by [S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(4\)](#)
- reg. 27(1B)(1C) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 13\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27(1AA) inserted by [S.I. 2024/665 reg. 3\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27(3)-(3B) substituted for reg. 27(3) by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(5\)](#)
- reg. 27(3ZA) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 18\(3\)](#)
- reg. 27(3ZZA)(3ZZB) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 13\(c\)](#)
- reg. 27(4A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(7\)](#)
- reg. 27(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(9\)](#)
- reg. 27(10) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 5\(3\)](#)
- reg. 27(10) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 15\(10\)](#)
- reg. 27A inserted by [S.I. 2018/699 reg. 16](#)
- reg. 27A heading substituted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27A heading words substituted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 27A(A1) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27A(1)(b) substituted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 15\(c\)](#)
- reg. 27A(3)-(5) inserted by [S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 27ZA-27ZI inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 14](#)

- reg. 29(1) reg. 29 renumbered as reg. 29(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 6
- reg. 29(1) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17(a)(ii)
- reg. 29(1) words substituted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17(a)(i)
- reg. 29(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 6
- reg. 29(2) omitted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 17(b)
- reg. 30(3A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 7(2)
- reg. 30(7A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 7(4)
- reg. 36(2A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 8
- reg. 37(4) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 9
- reg. 38A applied (with modifications) by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38A-38E inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 10
- reg. 38A(1)(b)(ba) substituted for reg. 38A(1)(b) by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 17
- reg. 38B applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38C applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(c) words inserted by 2020 c. 17 Sch. 24 para. 368
- reg. 38C(3)(p) word omitted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(2)(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(r)(s) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 38C(3)(r) word omitted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(a)
- reg. 38C(3)(s) word inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(b)
- reg. 38C(3)(t) inserted by S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 41(c)
- reg. 38D applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(a) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(b) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(c) word substituted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 38D(4)(l)-(n) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(3)(b)
- reg. 38D(5) inserted by S.I. 2018/331 reg. 2(4)
- reg. 38E applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(a)
- reg. 38E(5)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11(8)
- reg. 38E(7)(b) words inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 11(8)
- reg. 39(1)(c)(d) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 11
- reg. 41(4)(d) and word inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(a)(ii)
- reg. 41(4A) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(b)
- reg. 41(8) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 18(c)
- reg. 42A inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 20
- reg. 42A words substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(a)
- reg. 42A(5) substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(b)
- reg. 42A(7) substituted by S.I. 2020/581 reg. 12(3)(c)
- reg. 44(4) inserted by S.I. 2016/295 art. 152(3)(b)(ii)
- reg. 46(3) inserted by S.I. 2018/699 reg. 21(b)
- reg. 50A inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 12
- reg. 51(3A) inserted by S.I. 2023/1176 reg. 19(c)
- reg. 53(1A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 14(2)
- reg. 53(1ZA) inserted by S.I. 2024/43 reg. 20(b)
- reg. 53A applied (with modifications) by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)
- reg. 53A-53D inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 15
- reg. 53B applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)
- reg. 53C applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)
- reg. 53C(1)(e) omitted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 5(1)
- reg. 53D applied by SI 2001/1184 reg. 9 Sch. Pt. 2 (as inserted) by S.I. 2014/1803 reg. 8(3)(b)

- reg. 55(2)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 16(b)
- reg. 55A(3) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 17
- reg. 55B(1) reg. 55B renumbered as reg. 55B(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 18
- reg. 55B(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 18
- reg. 56(1) reg. 56 renumbered as reg. 56(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 19
- reg. 56(1) words inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 6(a)
- reg. 56(1) words omitted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 6(b)
- reg. 56(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 19
- reg. 57(4)(b)(v) inserted by S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8(2)(c)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) and preceding word inserted by S.R. 2016/228 reg. 35(b)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) word inserted by S.I. 2021/1188 art. 8(2)(b)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(iv) word omitted by S.I. 2022/332 art. 12(2)(a)
- reg. 57(4)(b)(vi) and word inserted by S.I. 2022/332 art. 12(2)(b)
- reg. 62(6)-(10) inserted by S.I. 2023/1116 reg. 8
- reg. 66(2A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 21
- reg. 70(1) reg. 70 renumbered as reg. 70(1) by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(a)
- reg. 70(1) words inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 70(2) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 3(c)
- reg. 70A inserted by S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 82
- reg. 72(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 22
- reg. 73(10) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 23
- reg. 75(3) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 24
- reg. 81A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2016/219 Sch. 3 para. 93
- reg. 81A inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 27
- reg. 81B inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 4
- reg. 84(1) reg. 84 renumbered as reg. 84(1) by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 28
- reg. 84(1) words substituted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 5(b)
- reg. 84(2) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 28
- reg. 84A-84I applied by S.I. 2001/2599, Sch. 2 (as amended) by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 13(3)
- reg. 84A-84I inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 6
- reg. 86(5)-(8) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 7
- reg. 87(1A) inserted by S.I. 2015/221 reg. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 91(1)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 29(c)
- reg. 91(2A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 8(b)
- reg. 91(3A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 8(d)
- reg. 93(2A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1808 reg. 30
- reg. 117(1A) inserted by S.I. 2024/319 reg. 9(b)
- reg. 118(4) inserted by 2018 c. 12 Sch. 19 para. 331(b)
- reg. 118(4) substituted by S.I. 2019/419 Sch. 3 para. 70(3)