

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

Rules for the conduct of PCC elections where poll not taken together with poll at another election

PART 6

Disposal of documents

Orders for production of documents

67.—(1) An order—

- (a) for the inspection or production of any rejected ballot papers in the custody of the relevant registration officer,
- (b) for the opening of a sealed packet of completed corresponding number lists or of certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll, or
- (c) for the inspection of any counted ballot papers in the custody of the relevant registration officer,

may be made by a county court if the court is satisfied by evidence on oath that the order is required for the purpose of instituting or maintaining a prosecution for an offence in relation to ballot papers or for the purpose of a PCC election petition.

[^{F1}(1A) An order—

- (a) for the opening of the sealed packet containing a completed ballot paper refusal list, or
- (b) for the inspection or production of that list,

may be made by the county court if satisfied by evidence on oath that the order is required for the purpose of a PCC election petition.]

(2) An election court may make an order—

- (a) for the opening of a sealed packet of completed corresponding number lists or of certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll, or
- (b) for the inspection of any counted ballot papers in the custody of the relevant registration officer.

(3) An order under this rule may be made subject to whatever conditions the court thinks expedient as to—

- (a) persons,
- (b) time,
- (c) place and mode of inspection, or
- (d) production or opening.

(4) In making and carrying into effect an order for the opening of a packet of completed corresponding number lists or certificates or for the inspection of counted ballot papers, care must

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be taken to avoid disclosing the way in which the vote of any particular voter has been given until it has been proved—

- (a) that the vote was given, and
 - (b) that the vote has been declared by a competent court to be invalid.
- (5) An appeal lies to the High Court from any order of a county court under this rule.
- (6) A power given under this rule to a court may be exercised by any judge of the court otherwise than in open court.
- (7) Where an order is made for the production by the relevant registration officer of any document in the registration officer's possession relating to any specified PCC election—
- (a) the production by the registration officer or the registration officer's agent of the document ordered in the manner directed by the order is conclusive evidence that the document relates to the specified election;
 - (b) any endorsement on any packet of ballot papers so produced is prima facie evidence that the ballot papers are what they are stated to be by the endorsement.
- (8) The production from proper custody of—
- (a) a ballot paper purporting to have been used at any election, and
 - (b) a completed corresponding number list with a number marked in writing beside the number of the ballot paper,
- is prima facie evidence that the elector whose vote was given by that ballot paper was the person whose entry on the register of electors (or on a notice issued under section 13B(3B) or (3D) of the 1983 Act at the time of the election) contained the same number as the number written as mentioned in sub-paragraph (b).
- (9) Unless authorised by this rule, nobody may—
- (a) inspect any rejected or counted ballot papers in the possession of the relevant registration officer, or
 - (b) open any sealed packets of completed corresponding number lists or certificates as to employment on duty on the day of the poll.

Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 3 rule 67(1A) inserted (16.1.2023) by [The Voter Identification Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1382\)](#), regs. 1(3), **60(14)** (with reg. 1(6)(7))

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

- Sch. A1 para. 4 applied by [S.I. 2023/1150 reg. 23](#)
- Sch. A1 inserted by [S.I. 2023/1150 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(10) amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2023/1147, reg. 17(5)(a)(iii) by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 19\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(10) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(5\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 4(6) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(5\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 9A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 29(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 43(3A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 43A-43D inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(e\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 46A-46E inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(g\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 55(6)-(9) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(h\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 57(1)(g) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(i\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a)(ii)(iii) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c)(ii) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iv\)\(bb\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(ca) inserted by [S.I. 2024/43 reg. 24\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 7(14) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147, reg. 17\(5\)\(ca\)\(iii\) \(as inserted\) by S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 19\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(6) omitted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(5) substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 6(5)-(7) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 6(5) by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(5\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7) word substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a)(i) words in Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a) renumbered as Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(a)(i) by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c)(i) words in Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c) renumbered as Sch. 2 para. 59A(1)(c)(i) by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(6\)\(k\)\(iv\)\(aa\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(c) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 16C(7)(d) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1406 reg. 12\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 34(1)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 49(2)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 11 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 8 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 13 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 8 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 12 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 Sch. 6 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 70 Form 14 substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 Sch. 6 Pt. 2](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 49(2)(c) word omitted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 37(1)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 37 table words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(7\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 37 table words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 17\(7\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 32(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 32(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(7\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 27(1)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 27(1)(b) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 27(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(8\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 14A inserted by [S.I. 2024/428 reg. 4\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 3(1)(b)(v) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(10\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 3A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1150 reg. 36\(3\)](#)

- art. 13(1)(ea) art. 13(1)(ee) renumbered as art. 13(1)(ea) by [S.I. 2024/131 reg. 22\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 13(1)(ea) words inserted by [S.I. 2024/131 reg. 22\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 18A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1141 reg. 4\(2\)](#)
- art. 22(5A)-(5F) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 8\(3\)](#)