
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 323

**The Local Authorities (Conduct of
Referendums)(England) Regulations 2012**

Combination of referendum polls: supplementary

13.—(1) This regulation applies where polls at referendums are taken together in accordance with regulation 10(7) or (8).

(2) The functions mentioned in paragraph (3) are all to be discharged by one counting officer, and the counting officers are to agree as to which of them that should be.

(3) The functions mentioned in this paragraph are—

(a) those under the following rules of the Local Government Act Referendums (Combination of Polls) Rules—

(i) unless paragraph (ii) applies, rule 8 (the corresponding number list) to the extent that it relates to ballot papers to be provided in pursuance of rule 17(1);

(ii) where the proceedings on the issue and receipt of postal ballot papers at the referendums are taken together under regulation 65 of the Representation of the People Regulations (as applied by paragraph (5)), rule 8 (the corresponding number list);

(iii) rule 12(3) (notice of situation of polling stations, etc);

(iv) where the proceedings on the issue and receipt of postal ballot papers at the referendums are taken together under regulation 65 of the Representation of the People Regulations (as applied by paragraph (5)), rule 13 (postal ballot papers);

(v) rule 14 (provision of polling stations);

(vi) rule 15(1) and (2) (appointment of presiding officers and clerks) to the extent that that rule concerns the appointment of presiding officers and clerks to assist them;

(vii) rule 17 (equipment of polling stations) [^{F1}, except the functions in rule 17(5A)];

(viii) rule 20 (notification of requirement of secrecy in relation to polling stations);

(ix) where the proceedings on the issue and receipt of postal ballot papers at the referendums are taken together under regulation 65 of the Representation of the People Regulations (as applied by paragraph (5)), rule 22 (return of postal ballot papers);

(x) rule 23(3) (signature as to certificate of employment);

(xi) rule 24(2)(b) (keeping of order in station);

(xii) rule 38(1) (the count); and

(b) where the proceedings on the issue and receipt of postal ballot papers at more than one referendum are taken together under regulation 65 of the Representation of the People Regulations (as applied by paragraph (5)), the functions conferred by the provisions of Part 5 of those Regulations applied by paragraph (5).

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(4) The referendums are to be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act Referendums (Combination of Polls) Rules.

(5) The provisions specified in the first column of Tables 1 to 6 of Schedule 4 have effect in relation to the referendums, subject to the modifications specified in that Schedule and to any contrary provision of these Regulations.

(6) The cost of taking the combined poll (excluding any cost solely attributable to one referendum) and any cost attributable to the combination is to be apportioned equally among the referendums.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in [reg. 13\(3\)\(a\)\(vii\)](#) inserted (16.1.2023) by [The Voter Identification Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1382\)](#), [regs. 1\(3\), 47](#) (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. 3 rule 21(1)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 6\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 36(3)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 6\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 modified (temp.) by [S.I. 2023/1147 Sch. 2 para. 11\(2\)\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 36(3)(c) word omitted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 6\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(1)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 15\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 table words omitted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 15\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 24 table words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 15\(3\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 3 rule 24(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 15\(3\)\(c\)](#)
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- Sch. 5 rule 38(5)(e) and word inserted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 6\(4\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
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- Sch. 5 rule 38(5)(c) word omitted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 6\(4\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 26(1)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 15\(7\)\(a\)](#)
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- Sch. 5 rule 26(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 15\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 5 rule 17(10) words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 6\(4\)\(a\)](#)