## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2014 No. 1808

## The Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

## Amendment of Schedule 3 to the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008

**32.**—(1) Schedule 3 (forms) is amended as follows.

- (2) In the Arrangement of Forms—
  - (a) after the entry for Form A insert—

"Form A1: Elector's Official Postal Poll Card"; and

(b) after the entry for Form B insert-

"Form B1: Proxy's Official Postal Poll Card".

- (3) After Form A (elector's official poll card), insert Form A1 in Schedule 2.
- (4) After Form B (proxy's official poll card), insert Form B1 in Schedule 2.

(5) In Form E (proxy paper), in the section headed "Your Right to Vote as Proxy", after paragraph 4 insert—

"5. If you have been appointed as a proxy on behalf of an elector who has an anonymous entry in the register, you can only vote by post. If you have not already been granted a postal vote, you should contact the electoral registration officer."

- (6) In Form L (declaration of identity)-
  - (a) before "Name of witness" insert "\*";
  - (b) before "Address of witness" insert "\*", and after that paragraph insert—

"\*(Returning officer to omit where ballot papers sent to an anonymous elector.)"; and

- (c) in the section entitled "Instructions to the voter", at the end of paragraph 1 insert "If you are an elector with an anonymous entry in the register, or you are the proxy for such a person, the name and address of the witness should not be included. However, you do need to sign this declaration in the presence of a witness and the witness must sign the form.".
- (7) In Form M (declaration of identity (combined polls))—
  - (a) before "Name of witness" insert "\*";
  - (b) before "Address of witness" insert "\*", and after that paragraph insert-

"\*(Returning officer to omit where ballot papers sent to an anonymous elector.)"; and

- (c) In the section entitled "Instructions to the voter", at the end of paragraph 1 insert "If you have an anonymous entry in the register, or you are the proxy for such a person, the witness must not add his or her name and address.".
- (8) In Form N (statement as to postal ballot papers)-
  - (a) after paragraph 10 insert—

"10A. Number of tendered postal ballot papers issued

10B. Number of covering envelopes for tendered postal ballot papers received"; and(b) after paragraph 13 insert—

"14. Number of tendered postal ballot papers marked rejected".