

SCHEDULE 1

Preamble

Enabling powers

These Regulations are made under the following powers—

- a) sections 9B, 9C, 53 and 201(3) of, and rule 57 of Schedule 1 to, and paragraphs 2B, 3A, 3B, 5(1B), 5A, 7, 8, 8A, 9C, 10, 10B and 12 of Schedule 2 to, the Representation of the People Act 1983(1);
- b) having regard to the definition of “prescribed” in section 202(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, sections 9B(1A), 10A(1)(a) and 13A(1)(a) of, and rules 24, 28, 55(1)(f) of Schedule 1 to, that Act(2); and
- c) sections 6(1)(c) and (5), 7(3), 8(6) and (7) and 9(4), (7) and (8) of the Representation of the People Act 1985(3).

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- (1) 1983 c. 2. Sections 9B and 9C were inserted by section 10 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22); amended by paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 4 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6); extended to Northern Ireland by article 2 of S.I. 2014/1116; and amended by article 3 of that instrument. Section 53 was amended by section 24 of, and paragraph 13 of Schedule 4 to, the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50); paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 and Part 1 of Schedule 7 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2); paragraph 109 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22); and paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 (c. 6). Section 201(3) was inserted by paragraph 21 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2); and amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 21 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41). Rule 57 was amended by sections 31 and 41 of, and paragraph 95 of Schedule 1 to, the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22). Paragraphs 2B, 3B, 5(1B) and 8A of Schedule 2 were inserted by paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) and extended to Northern Ireland by article 2 of the S.I. 2014/1116. Paragraph 3A of Schedule 2 was inserted by paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Paragraph 5A of Schedule 2 was inserted by section 11 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 was substituted by section 24 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50) and amended by paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Paragraph 10 of Schedule 2 was substituted by section 9 of the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2) and amended by paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22); the latter amendment was extended to Northern Ireland by article 3 of S.I. 2014/1116. Paragraph 10B of Schedule 2 was substituted by section 9 of the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 was substituted by paragraph 11 of Schedule 6 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2) and amended by paragraph 94 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22).
 - (2) Section 10A was inserted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Section 13A was inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Rule 24 was substituted by section 37 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22). Rule 28(3A) was inserted by paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) and the amendment was extended to Northern Ireland by article 2 of S.I. 2014/1116; rule 28(3) was amended by paragraph 70 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22).
 - (3) 1985 c. 50. Sections 5 to 9 were repealed in respect of England, Scotland and Wales only by section 12 of, and Part 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2). Sections 5 to 9 were amended in relation to Northern Ireland only by paragraphs 12 to 17 of Schedule 6 to, and by Part 3 of Schedule 7 to, the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2), and by article 6 of S.I. 2014/1116.

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SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 32

Forms

Form A1

Elector's Official Postal Poll Card

Front of card

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

OFFICIAL POSTAL POLL CARD

Constituency

For the election on [day/date]

Number on register

*Name

*Address

**(Returning Officer to omit where postal poll card sent to an anonymous elector. Postal poll card sent to an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope.)*

This card is to tell you that you have asked to vote by post at this election and will not be able to vote in a polling station. If you wish to cancel your postal vote please call [helpline number] before 5pm on [day/date deadline]. If you are registered anonymously you can only vote by post.

SEE INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS CARD

Back of card

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

When you receive your postal voting pack, please read the instructions with it carefully before completing your postal ballot paper.

Do not let anyone see your vote. If you need help voting, the person helping you must not tell anyone how you have voted.

You must **sign the declaration of identity** in the presence of a person known to you. That person should **sign the declaration as a witness**, adding his or her name and address. You must also **provide your date of birth**. This is a security measure. It will not affect your vote or mean it can be identified. Without your witnessed signature and date of birth the declaration of identity will not be valid and your vote will not be counted. The Returning Officer will check your signature and date of birth against records that they hold.

If you are registered anonymously your witness should not provide his or her name and address. However, it is important that both you and your witness sign the declaration.

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If you accidentally spoil your ballot paper, please call the helpline number below as soon as possible. It is only possible to issue replacement postal ballot papers before 5pm on [day/date of day before the poll].

Complete and return your postal vote as soon as possible. The Returning Officer must receive your vote by 10pm on [day/date of poll]. Postal voting papers cannot be accepted at polling stations.

If you need any assistance, please phone [helpline number].

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Form B1

Proxy's Official Postal Poll Card

Front of card

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACTS

PROXY'S OFFICIAL POSTAL POLL CARD

*Proxy's name

*Proxy's address

**(Returning Officer to omit where postal poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector. Postal poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector must be delivered in a sealed envelope.)*

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

Constituency

For the election on [day/date]

This card is to tell you that the elector named on the back of this card has appointed you as their proxy and you have asked to vote by post. You will not be able to vote on behalf of the elector in a polling station. If you wish to cancel your postal vote please call [helpline number] before 5pm on [day/date deadline]. If you are a proxy for a person who is registered anonymously you can only vote by post.

SEE INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF THIS CARD

Back of card

*The elector identified below has appointed you as proxy and you will be voting by post on their behalf.

*Number on register

*Name (of elector)

*Address

When you receive your postal voting pack, please read the instructions with it carefully before completing the postal ballot paper.

Do not let anyone see your vote. If you need help voting, the person helping you must not tell anyone how you have voted.

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You must **sign the declaration of identity** in the presence of a person known to you. That person should **sign the declaration as a witness**, adding his or her name and address. You must also **provide your date of birth**. This is a security measure. It will not affect your vote or mean it can be identified. Without your witnessed signature and date of birth the declaration of identity will not be valid and your vote will not be counted. The Returning Officer will check your signature and date of birth against records that they hold.

If you are voting on behalf of someone registered anonymously your witness should not provide his or her name and address. However, it is important that both you and your witness sign the declaration.

If you accidentally spoil your ballot paper, please call the helpline number below as soon as possible. It is only possible to issue replacement postal ballot papers before 5pm on [day/date of day before the poll].

Complete and return your postal vote as soon as possible. The Returning Officer must receive your vote by 10pm on [day/date of poll]. Postal voting papers cannot be accepted at polling stations.

It is illegal to vote as proxy for some other person if you know that person is subject to a legal incapacity to vote, e.g. if that person has been convicted and is detained in a penal institution in pursuance of his sentence. It is also an offence to vote at this election for more than two persons of whom you are not the spouse, civil partner, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, child or grandchild.

If you need any assistance, please phone [helpline number].

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*(Where postal poll card sent to the proxy of an anonymous elector substitute for the text marked with * above: -*

This poll card is to tell you that for this election you are appointed as proxy for the anonymous elector whose electoral number is shown below and you are entitled to vote by post.

You are entitled to vote as proxy for the elector whose electoral number is shown below:

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(Elector's number on register))