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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 566**

**The Local Elections (Forms) (Northern Ireland) Order 2015**

**Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Elections (Forms) (Northern Ireland) Order 2015.
- (2) This Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.
- (3) This Order extends to Northern Ireland only.
- (4) In this Order “the 1962 Act” means the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962(1).

**Amendment of the 1962 Act**

- 2.—(1) Schedule 5 to the 1962 Act (local elections rules)(2) is amended as follows.
  - (2) In rule 21 (postal ballot papers)(3), in paragraph (2) for the words “by another elector who personally knows the voter” substitute “in accordance with paragraph 17A of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985(4)”.
  - (3) In rule 26 (equipment of polling stations)(5)—
    - (a) in paragraph (6), for the words “left-hand” substitute “right-hand”;
    - (b) in paragraph (7), for the word “left” substitute “right”; and
    - (c) in paragraph (8), for the word “right” substitute “left”.
  - (4) The Appendix of Forms is amended as follows.
  - (5) Replace form 3 (ballot paper)(6) with the form in Schedule 1 to this Order.
  - (6) Replace form 4 (directions as to printing the ballot paper)(7) with the form in Schedule 2 to this Order.
  - (7) Replace form 5 (declaration of identity)(8) with the form in Schedule 3 to this Order.
  - (8) Replace form 6 (elector’s official poll card)(9) with the form in Schedule 4 to this Order.
  - (9) Replace form 6A (elector’s official postal poll card)(10) with the form in Schedule 5 to this Order.
  - (10) Replace form 7 (proxy’s official poll card)(11) with the form in Schedule 6 to this Order.

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(1) 1962 c. 14.

(2) Schedule 5 was substituted in its entirety by S.I. 1985/454.

(3) Rule 21 (as substituted) was amended by S.I. 1987/168; S.I. 2010/2977; and S.I. 2014/1116. In addition, section 4 of, and the Schedule to, the Elections Act 2001 (c. 7) and S.I. 2013/3156 made non-textual amendments.

(4) S.I. 1985/454.

(5) Rule 26 (as substituted) was amended by S.I. 2001/417; Schedule 4 to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 33); S.I. 2010/2977; and S.I. 2014/1116. In addition, section 4 of, and the Schedule to, the Elections Act 2001 (c. 7) and S.I. 2013/3156 made non-textual amendments.

(6) Form 3 was amended by S.I. 2001/417 and paragraph 61 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22).

(7) Form 4 was amended by S.I. 2001/417; paragraph 61 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22); and S.I. 2010/2977.

(8) Form 5 was amended by S.I. 1990/595; S.I. 2002/2835; paragraph 61 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22); S.I. 2010/2977; and S.I. 2014/1116.

(9) Form 6 was amended by S.I. 1991/1715 and S.I. 2010/2977.

(10) Form 6A was inserted by S.I. 2014/1116.

(11) Form 7 was amended by S.I. 2010/2977.

(11) Replace form 7A (proxy’s official postal poll card)(12) with the form in Schedule 7 to this Order.

(12) Replace form 8 (form of directions for the guidance of voters in voting)(13) with the form in Schedule 8 to this Order.

(13) Replace form 9 (form of certificate of employment)(14) with the form in Schedule 9 to this Order.

(14) Replace form 10 (form of declaration to be made by the companion of a voter with disabilities)(15) with the form in Schedule 10 to this Order.

### **Amendment of the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

**3.**—(1) Schedule 2 to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985(16) is amended as follows.

(2) In Part 1 (voting by post, by proxy and by post as proxy), in the Appendix(17), replace form 1 (Proxy paper) with the form in Schedule 11 to this Order.

(3) In Part 3 (issue and receipt of postal ballot papers), in paragraph 17A (procedure in relation to declarations of identity)(18)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(a) omit the words “and given his name and address”; and

(b) after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) A person must not sign the declaration as a witness under paragraph (1)(a) unless he is—

(a) aged 18 years or over; and

(b) satisfied to the best of his knowledge and belief as to the identity of the voter.”.

### **Amendment of the Elections Act 2001**

**4.** In paragraph 29 of the Schedule to the Elections Act 2001 (Northern Ireland: modification of election provisions), replace the form inserted by sub-paragraph (2) (form 5A declaration of identity (combined polls))(19) with the form in Schedule 12 to this Order.

### **Amendment of the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013**

**5.** In paragraph 23 of the Schedule to the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2013(20)—

(a) omit paragraphs (a) and (b) (and the word “and” after paragraph (b)); and

(b) replace the form inserted by sub-paragraph (1)(c) (form 5ZA declaration of identity (combined polls))(21) with the form in Schedule 13 to this Order.

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(12) Form 7A was inserted by [S.I. 2014/1116](#).

(13) Form 8 was amended by paragraph 61 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) and [S.I. 2010/2977](#).

(14) Form 9 was amended by [S.I. 1987/168](#) and [S.I. 2010/2977](#).

(15) Form 10 was amended by [S.I. 2001/417](#) and paragraph 68 of Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22).

(16) [S.I. 1985/454](#).

(17) The Appendix to Part 1 of Schedule 2 was substituted by [S.I. 1987/168](#) and amended by [S.I. 2005/1969](#); [S.I. 2010/2977](#) (including re-numbering the forms); and [S.I. 2014/1116](#).

(18) Paragraph 17A was inserted by [S.I. 2002/2835](#) and amended by [S.I. 2010/2977](#).

(19) [2001 c. 7](#); Form 5A is inserted into the Appendix of Forms in Schedule 5 to the 1962 Act only for the purpose of a combined local and parliamentary election, and that inserted form was amended by [S.I. 2010/2977](#) and [S.I. 2014/1116](#).

(20) [S.I. 2013/3156](#); the Schedule inserts provisions into Schedule 5 to the 1962 Act only for the purpose of a combined local and European parliamentary election.

(21) The inserted form 5A was amended by [S.I. 2014/1116](#).

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