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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

DEVOLUTION, SCOTLAND

The Scotland Act 2012 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2015

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17th March 2015

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 44(5) of the Scotland Act 2012(a):

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Scotland Act 2012 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2015.

Appointed Day

2. The day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Scotland Act 2012 is 1st July 2015—

- (a) section 1 (administration of elections);
- (b) section 3 (supplementary and transitional provision about elections).

Dover House,
London
17th March 2015

David Mundell
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Scotland Office

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 2 of this Order commences sections 1 and 3 of the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11) on 1st July 2015. Section 1 transfers certain of the executive functions in section 12 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46) relating to the conduct and administration of Scottish Parliament elections, which are currently exercisable by the Secretary of State, to the Scottish Ministers. It also introduces a new section 12A which sets out the powers to make provision about elections that continue to be exercisable by the Secretary of State. Section 3 makes supplementary and transitional provision in connection with the transfer of responsibility to the Scottish Ministers.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Scotland Act 2012 have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order.

| <i>Provision</i> | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.I. No.</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sections 4 and 5 | 3rd July 2012 | 2012/1710 |
| Section 6 | 15th October 2012 | 2012/1710 |
| Section 7 | 3rd July 2012 | 2012/1710 |
| Section 8 | 31st October 2012 | 2012/2516 |
| Sections 9 and 10 | 3rd July 2012 | 2012/1710 |
| Section 12 | 3rd July 2012 | 2012/1710 |
| Section 13 | 31st October 2012 | 2012/2516 |
| Sections 14 to 16 | 3rd July 2012 | 2012/1710 |
| Section 17 | 31st October 2012 | 2012/2516 |
| Section 18 | 1st August 2013 | 2012/2516 |
| Section 19 | 31st October 2012 | 2012/2516 |
| Sections 20 to 22 | 3rd July 2012 | 2012/1710 |
| Section 32 | 12th December 2014 | 2014/3250 |
| Sections 34 to 38 | 22nd April 2013 | 2013/6 |
| Section 39 | 31st October 2012 | 2012/2516 |
| Schedule 1 | 31st October 2012 | 2012/2516 |

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