
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 581

The Representation of the People (Electronic Communications and Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020

PART 2

Amendments to the Representation of the People Acts

Section 6 (absent vote at elections for an indefinite period)

9.—(1) Section 6(1) is amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (7) substitute—

“(7) For the purposes of this section, a person is to be treated as a person who is or will be digitally registered if the person meets the condition in subsection (7A) or the condition in subsection (7B).

(7A) A person meets the condition in this subsection if—

- (a) the person’s registration in the register of parliamentary electors is or will be pursuant to an application submitted through the UK digital service, and
- (b) where, since the submission of that application, any form has been completed in respect of the person in connection with a canvass under section 10 of the principal Act, the last such form was submitted through the UK digital service.

(7B) A person meets the condition in this subsection if—

- (a) the last form to be completed in respect of the person in connection with a canvass under section 10 of the principal Act was submitted through the UK digital service, and
- (b) where, since the submission of that form, any application for registration in the register of parliamentary electors has been made in respect of the person, the last such application was submitted through the UK digital service.”.

(3) In subsection (8), in the definition of “the UK digital service”, for “the reference to an application” substitute “references to a form or application”.