
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 131

**The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections)
Order 2017 (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

PART 4

**Combination of Polls Held in Combination with a Combined County
Authority Mayoral Election – Amendment of Secondary Legislation**

Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004

16.—(1) The Representation of the People (Combination of Polls) (England and Wales) Regulations 2004(1) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “2011 Act” insert—

““2023 Act” means the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;”;

(b) after the definition of “combined authority mayoral election” insert—

““combined county authority mayoral election” means an election for a mayor for a combined county authority under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the 2023 Act;”.

(3) In regulation 4 (returning officers and polling stations)—

(a) in paragraphs (1)(a), (2)(a), (3)(a), (4)(a), (5)(a), (6)(a) and (7)(a), for “or combined authority area” substitute “, combined authority area or combined county authority area”;

(b) in paragraph (9)(a), for “or a combined authority mayoral election” substitute “, a combined authority mayoral election or a combined county authority mayoral election”;

(c) in paragraph (10)—

(i) after the definition of “combined authority area” insert—

““combined county authority area” means the area of the combined county authority established by regulations made under section 9 of the 2023 Act;”;

(ii) in the definition of “listed provisions” after sub-paragraph (d) insert—

“(e) section 252 of, and paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 to the 2023 Act;”;

(d) in paragraph (11), after sub-paragraph (d) insert—

“(e) the returning officer at a combined county authority mayoral election must be construed as including a reference to the combined county authority returning officer.”.

(4) In regulation 5 (functions at combined polls)—

(a) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (g) insert—

- “(h) at a combined county authority mayoral election, by those rules in regulations made under section 252 of, and paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 to, the 2023 Act which correspond to the rules specified in paragraph (2);”;
- (b) in paragraph (3)—
 - (i) omit “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (c);
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
 - “; and
 - (e) that regulation and that part as applied by regulations made under section 252 of, and paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 to, the 2023 Act.”.
- (5) In regulation 8 (modification of parliamentary elections rules) in paragraph (1)(c) for “or combined authority mayoral election” substitute “, combined authority mayoral election or combined county authority mayoral election”.
- (6) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 (definitions for the purposes of modifications of the parliamentary election rules set out in Schedule 1 to the 1983 Act)—
 - (a) after the definition of “combined authority mayoral election” insert—
 - ““combined county authority mayoral election” means an election for a mayor for a combined county authority under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the 2023 Act;”;
 - (b) in the definition of “relevant election or referendum”, after sub-paragraph (ca) insert—
 - “(cb) a combined county authority mayoral election.”.