STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 43

The Representation of the People (Overseas Electors etc.) (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2024

Part 2

Amendment of the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008

Amendment of regulation 27 (applications for registration)

- 13. In regulation 27 (applications for registration)—
 - (a) after paragraph (1A)(1) insert—
 - "(1B) Where an applicant is applying to be registered in pursuance of an overseas elector's declaration and is unable to provide a national insurance number, the applicant may provide as part of their application a copy of any of the documents listed in regulation 25A(2).
 - (1C) Where an applicant is applying to be registered in pursuance of an overseas elector's declaration in reliance on the previous residence condition, the applicant may provide as part of their application a copy of any document which meets the requirements of regulation 27ZB(2).";
 - (b) in paragraph (3)(2)—
 - (i) in the opening words, for "shall include a declaration" substitute "which is submitted through the UK digital service must include a statement";
 - (ii) for paragraph (b) substitute—
 - "(b) the applicant believes the matters stated in the application and any accompanying declaration to be true.";
 - (c) after paragraph (3) insert—
 - "(3ZZA) An application for registration which is not submitted through the UK digital service(3) and is made otherwise than in pursuance of an overseas elector's declaration must include a statement that—
 - (a) the applicant is the person named in the application, and
 - (b) the applicant believes the matters stated in the application and any accompanying declaration to be true.
 - (3ZZB) An application for registration which is not submitted through the UK digital service and is made in pursuance of an overseas elector's declaration must include a statement that—
 - (a) the applicant is the person named in the application, and

⁽¹⁾ Paragraph (1A) was inserted by S.I. 2018/699.

⁽²⁾ Paragraph (3) was substituted by S.I. 2018/699.

⁽³⁾ For the meaning of "the UK digital service", see regulation 3(1) of S.I. 2008/1741.

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(b) the applicant believes the matters stated in the application to be true(4).".

⁽⁴⁾ Under section 1C(1)(g) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50), an overseas elector's declaration must itself include a statement that the declarant believes the matters stated in the declaration to be true.