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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**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 3 (interpretation)**

**3. In regulation 3 (interpretation)—**

(a) after the definition of “the 2006 Act” insert—

““address claimed as the qualifying address”, in relation to a person applying to be registered, means the address in respect of which the person is applying to be registered;”;

(b) after the definition of “data” insert—

““declaration of local connection” has the same meaning as in section 7B(1) of the 1983 Act(1);”;

(c) after the definitions of “local elector” and “local election” insert—

““mental hospital” has the meaning given in section 7(6) of the 1983 Act(2);”;

(d) after the definition of “overseas elector” insert—

““previous registration condition” has the same meaning as in section 1A(2) of the 1985 Act(3);

““previous residence condition” has the same meaning as in section 1A(3) of the 1985 Act;”;

(e) after the definition of “registration officer” insert—

““renewal declaration” has the same meaning as in section 1E of the 1985 Act(4);”.

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- (1) Section 7B was inserted by section 6 of the Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2) and amended by section 14(1)(a) (ii) of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 and paragraph 1(3)(a) of Schedule 8 to the Elections Act 2022. There are other amendments to section 7B, but none is relevant. For the meaning of “the 1983 Act”, see regulation 3(1) of S.I. 2008/1741.
- (2) Section 7 was substituted by section 4 of the Representation of the People Act 2000. There are amendments to section 7(6), but none is relevant.
- (3) 1985 c. 50. Section 1A was substituted by section 14(1) of the Elections Act 2022.
- (4) Section 1E was substituted by section 14(1) of the Elections Act 2022.