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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1558**

**The Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2020**

**PART 8**

Registered party names

**Registered party name to include “Welsh” or “Cymru” in respect of both regional and constituency nomination papers and ballot paper.**

**56.**—(1) Schedule 5 (Senedd Cymru election rules) is amended as follows.

(2) In rule 4 (nomination of candidates at a constituency election), after paragraph (4)(b) insert—

“(c) where the description provided is that of a registered party’s name and the name does not include “Welsh” or “Cymru”, then the registered party’s name may be supplemented with “Welsh” or “Cymru” as set out in rule 5(2A).”

(3) In rule 5 (constituency nomination paper: name or description of registered political party), after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The name of the registered party contained in the constituency nomination paper may (disregarding for this purpose, the word “the” where it is the first word of the registered name)—

- (a) be preceded by the word “Welsh” if the English language name is given;
- (b) be followed by the word “Cymru” if the Welsh language name is given; or
- (c) where a bilingual party name is used, be preceded by the word “Welsh” in the English language text or followed by the word “Cymru” in the Welsh language text;
- (d) where the party name is neither Welsh or English, the name can be preceded by the word “Welsh” or followed by the word “Cymru”,

where the word “Welsh” or “Cymru” is not used in the name of the party registered under section 28 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, and where the name of any registered party has been preceded by the word “Welsh” or followed by the word “Cymru”, then these Rules shall apply as if the name of the registered party included that word.”

(4) In rule 7 (nomination of parties and party list candidates at regional election), after paragraph (2)(b) insert —

“(c) where the registered party name is provided and the name does not include “Welsh” or “Cymru”, then the registered party’s name may be supplemented with “Welsh” or “Cymru” as set out in rule 8(1A).”

(5) In rule 8 (party nomination paper: name or description of registered political party), after paragraph (8)(1) insert—

“(1A) The name of the registered party contained in the party nomination paper may (disregarding for this purpose, the word “the” where it is the first word of the registered name)—

- (a) be preceded by the word “Welsh” if the English language name is given;
- (b) be followed by the word “Cymru” if the Welsh language name is given; or
- (c) where a bilingual party name is used, be preceded by the word “Welsh” in the English language text or followed by the word “Cymru” in the Welsh language text;
- (d) where the party name is neither Welsh or English, the name can be preceded by the word “Welsh” or followed by the word “Cymru”,

where the word “Welsh” or “Cymru” is not used in the name of the party registered under section 28 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, and where the name of any registered party has been preceded by the word “Welsh” or followed by the word “Cymru”, then these Rules shall apply as if the name of the registered party included that word.”

(6) In rule 24 (the ballot paper at a constituency election), after paragraph (3)(a) insert—

“(3) (aa) where the candidate has elected to use the word “Welsh” or “Cymru” in the registered party name as set out in rule 5(2A), then the same must be displayed on the ballot paper.”

(7) In rule 25 (the ballot paper at a regional election), after paragraph (3)(b) insert—

“(3) (ba) where the candidate has elected to use the word “Welsh” or “Cymru” in the registered party name as set out in rule 8(1A), then the same must be displayed on the ballot paper.”