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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 294**

**REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE**

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

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**THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (COMBINATION OF POLLS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2004**

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  6. Modification of provisions about expenses in the 1983 Act
  7. Modifications for 2004
  8. Modification of parliamentary elections rules
  9. Amendments to 2001 Regulations
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SCHEDULE 1 — SUBSTITUTED PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 3 TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS REGULATIONS 2004

SCHEDULE 2 — MODIFICATIONS TO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS RULES

1. In the circumstances set out in regulation 8 of these...
2. In this Schedule, and in any provision modified by this...
3. In this Schedule, and in any provision modified by this...
4. At the end of paragraph (2) of rule 19 (the...
5. At the end of rule 23 (notice of poll) the...
6. At the end of rule 28 (issue of official poll...
7. After paragraph (1) of rule 29 (equipment of polling stations)...
8. After paragraph (3A) of rule 29 (equipment of polling stations)...
9. For paragraph (5) of rule 29 (equipment of polling stations)...
10. At the end of paragraph (3) of rule 30 (appointment...

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11. At the end of paragraph (1)(e) of rule 32 (admission...
12. In question (ii) in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph...
13. At the end of rule 37 (voting procedure) there shall...
14. At the end of paragraph (2) of rule 38 (votes...
15. At the end of paragraph (4) of rule 39 (voting...
16. At the end of paragraph (3) of rule 40 (tendered...
17. At the end of paragraph (1) of rule 42 (adjournment...
18. In paragraph (1) of rule 43 (procedure on close of...
19. After paragraph (1) of rule 43 (procedure on close of...
20. For paragraph (1) of rule 44 (attendance at counting of...
21. In paragraph (3) of rule 44 (attendance at counting of...
22. For paragraphs (1) to (1A) of rule 45 (the count)...
23. In paragraph (1B) of rule 45 (the count) the reference...
24. In paragraph (6) of rule 45 (the count) omit the...
25. In paragraph (2) of rule 54 (sealing up of ballot...
26. At the end of paragraph (1) of rule 55 (delivery...
27. In rule 60 (countermand or abandonment of poll on death...
28. In the Appendix of forms for the form of directions...
29. In the Appendix of forms, for the form of declaration...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — AMENDMENTS TO THE 2001 REGULATIONS

1. The 2001 Regulations shall be amended as follows.
2. For Form H in Schedule 3, substitute the following form—...
3. In Form J in Schedule 3— (a) except in the...

Explanatory Note

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- sch 1 rev (1.1.2007) by [S.I. 2006/3278 reg 2](#)
- sch 2 am (1.1.2007) by [S.I. 2006/3278 reg 4](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 amendment to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/2031 Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 7 by [S.I. 2014/333 reg. 11](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(a) amendment to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/2031 Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 7 by [S.I. 2014/333 reg. 11](#)
- Sch. 2 applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2012/444 Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 7](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 22 extended by [S.I. 2015/665 art. 2\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 modification to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5 by [S.I. 2015/665 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 modified by [S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 7\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(a) modified by [S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 7\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 22 modified by [S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 7\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 9 substituted by [S.I. 2014/920 reg. 3](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 28 substituted by [S.I. 2014/920 reg. 4](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 29 substituted by [S.I. 2014/920 reg. 5](#)
- Sch. 2 Appendix Form substituted by [S.I. 2022/1309 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 28 form substituted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 37\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 19 word inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 37\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 25 word omitted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 37\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 28 words deleted by [S.I. 2007/1025 reg. 3](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 9\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 9\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 6 words inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 37\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 25 words inserted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 37\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16\(6\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words omitted by [S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words omitted by [S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 22 words substituted by [S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 22 words substituted by [S.I. 2015/654 reg. 2](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 6 words substituted by [S.I. 2022/1382 reg. 37\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 9 words substituted by [S.I. 2023/1225 reg. 4](#)
- sch 3 rev (1.1.2007) by [S.I. 2006/3278 reg 2](#)
- Regulations savings for effects of SI 2014/920 regs. 2-6 by [S.I. 2014/921 art. 3](#)
- reg. 2 amendment to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/2031 Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 2 by [S.I. 2014/333 reg. 11](#)
- reg. 2 applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2012/444 Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 7](#)
- reg. 2 modification to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 2 by [S.I. 2015/665 art. 2\(2\)](#)
- reg. 2 modified by [S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 2](#)
- reg. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 2\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 2\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 2 words inserted by [S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)

- reg. 2 words inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(2)(a)
- reg. 2(1) words inserted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(2)(b)
- reg. 2(1) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(2)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(2)(a)
- reg. 2(1) words substituted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(2)(b)
- reg. 2(2) words substituted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(3)
- reg. 4 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/444 Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 7
- reg. 4 excluded by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 3(3)
- reg. 4 excluded by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 16
- reg. 4 modification to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5 by S.I. 2015/665 art. 2(2)
- reg. 4(1)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(a)
- reg. 4(1)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(2)
- reg. 4(1)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 4(1)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(a)
- reg. 4(2)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(a)
- reg. 4(2)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(2)
- reg. 4(2)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 4(2)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(a)
- reg. 4(3)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(a)
- reg. 4(3)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(2)
- reg. 4(3)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 4(3)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(a)
- reg. 4(4)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(a)
- reg. 4(4)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(2)
- reg. 4(4)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 4(4)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(a)
- reg. 4(5)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(a)
- reg. 4(5)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(3)
- reg. 4(5)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 4(5)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(a)
- reg. 4(6)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(a)
- reg. 4(6)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(3)
- reg. 4(6)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 4(6)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(a)
- reg. 4(7) substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(4)
- reg. 4(7)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(a)
- reg. 4(7)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(a)
- reg. 4(7)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(a)
- reg. 4(8) modified by S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 3
- reg. 4(8) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(6)
- reg. 4(8)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(c)
- reg. 4(9) word substituted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(d)
- reg. 4(9) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(7)
- reg. 4(9) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(c)(i)
- reg. 4(9)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(c)(ii)
- reg. 4(9)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(b)
- reg. 4(10) words inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(2)(b)
- reg. 4(10) words inserted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(8)(a)
- reg. 4(10) words inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(e)
- reg. 4(10) words inserted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(c)(i)
- reg. 4(10) words inserted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(c)(ii)
- reg. 4(10) words omitted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(2)(a)
- reg. 4(10) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(8)(b)
- reg. 4(10) words substituted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(4)
- reg. 4(11)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(e)
- reg 5 am (1.1.2007) by S.I. 2006/3278 reg 3

- reg. 5 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/444 Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 7
- reg. 5 modification to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5 by S.I. 2015/665 art. 2(2)
- reg. 5 modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 3(1)(2)
- reg. 5 modified by 2011 c. 1 Sch. 5 para. 3(2)
- reg. 5 modified by S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 4
- reg. 5(1)(b) omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(4)
- reg. 5(1)(c) words inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(3)(a)
- reg. 5(1)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(5)(a)
- reg. 5(1)(e) word substituted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(5)(b)
- reg. 5(3)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(4)
- reg. 5(3)(a) word omitted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 6(3)(a)
- reg. 5(3)(b) word omitted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(4)(b)(i)
- reg. 5(3)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(5)(c)
- reg. 6 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/444 Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 7
- reg. 6 modification to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5 by S.I. 2015/665 art. 2(2)
- reg. 6 modified by S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 5
- reg. 6(1)(c) words inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(a)(i)
- reg. 6(1)(c) words inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(a)(iii)
- reg. 6(1)(c) words inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(a)(iv)
- reg. 6(1)(c) words omitted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(a)(ii)
- reg. 6(2) words inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(b)
- reg. 6(4) word omitted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(c)(i)
- reg. 6(4) words inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(4)(c)(ii)
- reg. 6(4) words substituted by S.I. 2022/263 Sch. 4 para. 2
- reg. 6(5)(a) omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(4)
- reg. 6(5)(a) word omitted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 7(a)
- reg. 6(5)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 7(c)
- reg 7 rev (1.1.2007) by S.I. 2006/3278 reg 2
- reg. 8 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2012/444 Sch. 4 para. 1 Table 7
- reg. 8 modification to earlier affecting provision SI 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5 by S.I. 2015/665 art. 2(2)
- reg. 8 modified by S.I. 2012/2031 reg. 81213Sch. 4 Pt. 2 para. 6
- reg. 8(1)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 2(6)
- reg 9 rev (1.1.2007) by S.I. 2006/3278 reg 2

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 2 para. 29(1) Sch. 2 para. 29 renumbered as Sch. 2 para. 29(1) by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 5(2)(a)
- Sch. 2 para. 24A extended by S.I. 2015/665 art. 2(1)
- Sch. 2 para. 24A inserted by S.I. 2015/654 reg. 3
- Sch. 2 para. 29(2) inserted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 5(2)(c)
- Sch. 2 para. 12(2)(aa)(ab) inserted by S.I. 2023/1147 reg. 13
- Sch. 2 para. 29(1) words substituted by S.I. 2022/1309 reg. 5(2)(b)
- Sch. 2 Appendix inserted by S.I. 2014/920 reg. 6Sch.
- reg. 4(7A) inserted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(5)
- reg. 4(7A) omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(b)
- reg. 4(7B) inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(b)
- reg. 4(7B) omitted by S.I. 2022/885 reg. 3(3)(b)
- reg. 4(10)(d) words inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(d)
- reg. 4(11)(c) inserted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 5(9)
- reg. 4(11)(d) inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(3)(f)

- reg. 4(11)(e) inserted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(3)(d)
- reg. 5(1)(f) inserted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 6(2)
- reg. 5(1)(g) inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(4)(a)
- reg. 5(1)(h) inserted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(4)(a)
- reg. 5(1)(ca) inserted by 2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 17(3)(b)
- reg. 5(3)(c) and word inserted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 6(3)(b)
- reg. 5(3)(c) word omitted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(4)(b)(i)
- reg. 5(3)(d) and word inserted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(4)(b)(ii)
- reg. 5(3)(e) and word inserted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(4)(b)(ii)
- reg. 6(5)(ab) inserted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 7(b)
- reg. 8(a) word omitted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 8(a)
- reg. 8(c) and word inserted by S.I. 2012/1917 Sch. 4 para. 8(b)
- reg. 8(c) words substituted by S.I. 2017/67 Sch. 4 para. 2(5)
- reg. 8(1)(c) words substituted by S.I. 2024/131 reg. 16(5)