

1. The Returning Officer shall deliver to each member present a ballot paper which shall contain a list of the candidates as described in their respective nomination papers and arranged alphabetically in the order of their surnames and, if there are two or more candidates with the same surname, of their other names.

2. Each member on receiving the ballot paper shall be entitled to record his vote by placing a mark in the form of an X opposite the name of one candidate and no more, and no other mark shall be placed on the ballot paper.

3. Each member shall then fold the ballot paper and deliver it so folded to the Returning Officer.

4. The Returning Officer shall first satisfy himself that the number of ballot papers returned to him does not exceed the number issued by him to the members present. He shall thereupon examine each ballot paper and shall reject any papers on which no mark has been placed or on which marks have been placed opposite the names of more than one candidate, or on which any mark other than that permitted by Regulation 2 hereof has been made. The number of papers not so rejected shall be the number of votes validly cast.

5. The Returning Officer shall thereupon count the number of votes validly cast for each candidate.

6. The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

7. These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Local Government, Casual Vacancies — Poll) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, this twenty-first day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.)

*J. B. O'Neill,*

Assistant Secretary.

### Parliamentary Elections

REGULATIONS DATED 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTIONS TWENTY, TWENTY-SIX AND FIFTY-FOUR OF THE ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

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## PART I — QUESTIONS AND OATHS

1. At any Parliamentary Election the Presiding Officer, may, and if required by any candidate, or by the agent of any candidate, (including an agent appointed under Section Two of the Parliamentary and Local Government Elections Act (Northern Ireland), 1930) shall, put to any voter at the time of applying for a ballot paper, and not afterwards, such one or more of the questions hereinafter prescribed as shall be appropriate, and may, and if required by or on behalf of a candidate as aforesaid, shall, administer to the said voter the oath or affirmation prescribed in relation to any such question ; and unless the voter shall give a satisfactory answer to every question so asked and take the oath or affirmation so administered, a ballot paper shall not be issued to him.

Questions to be asked and oaths to be administered by Presiding Officers—General.

2. For the purposes of the preceding regulation

Appropriate questions.

- (a) the following questions shall be appropriate to be asked of an elector claiming to vote in person at any Parliamentary Elections :—

*Question I.* “ Are you the same person whose name appears as A.B. on the register of electors for the Parliamentary Constituency of (*here add the name of the Constituency to which the election relates*) ? ”

*Question II.* “ Have you already voted, either here or elsewhere, at this election for the Parliamentary Constituency of (*here add the name of the Constituency to which the election relates*) ? ”

- (b) the following questions shall be appropriate to be asked of a person claiming to vote as proxy for an elector at any Parliamentary Election.

*Question III.* “ Are you the same person whose name appears as A.B. [on this proxy paper] (*or where the proxy is permitted to vote without producing the proxy paper*) [on the list of proxies for this election] as entitled to vote as proxy on behalf of C.D. ? ”

*Question IV.* “ Have you already voted as proxy on behalf of C.D., either here or elsewhere, at this election for the Parliamentary Constituency of (*here add the name of the Constituency to which the election relates*) ? ”

- (c) the following additional questions shall be appropriate to be asked at a Parliamentary General Election :—

*Question V. (In the case of a person voting in respect of a residence qualification). “Have you already voted at this general election in respect of a residence qualification ?”*

*Question VI. (In the case of a person voting in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification). “Have you already voted at this general election in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification ?”*

*Question VII. (In the case of a person claiming to vote as proxy on behalf of a person registered in respect of a residence qualification). “Have you already voted at this general election on behalf of C.D. in respect of a residence qualification ?”*

*Question VIII. (In the case of a person voting as proxy on behalf of a person registered in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification). “Have you already voted at this general election on behalf of C.D. in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification ?”*

Oaths and Affirmations. Manner of Administration, etc.

3. The Oaths or Affirmations to be administered in relation to the several questions shall be in the form set out in the next three succeeding regulations, and shall be administered in the following manner :—

- (a) The person taking the Oath shall hold the New Testament, or, in the case of a Jew, the Old Testament, in his uplifted hand, and shall say or repeat after the Officer administering the Oath, the Oath prescribed as appropriate.
- (b) Unless the person about to take the Oath voluntarily objects thereto, or is physically incapable of so taking the Oath, the Oath shall be administered in the manner aforesaid and in the form prescribed, without question, but in the case of a person who is neither a Christian nor a Jew, the Oath shall be administered in any manner which is held lawful.
- (c) The person making the Affirmation shall say or repeat after the Officer administering the Affirmation the words of the Affirmation prescribed as appropriate.

Oath or Affirmation in relation to Questions I and II.

4. The Oath or Affirmation to be administered in relation to Questions I and II in paragraph (a) of Regulation 2 shall be :—

“I swear by Almighty God [or “I do solemnly, sincerely and truly, declare and affirm”] (as the case may be) that I am the same person whose name appears as A.B. on the register of electors now in force for the Parliamentary Constituency of (here add the name of the Constituency to which the election relates), and that I have not before voted, either here or

elsewhere, at the present election for the Parliamentary Constituency of *(here add the name of the Constituency to which the election relates)*”.

5. The Oath or Affirmation to be administered in relation to Questions III and IV in paragraph (b) of Regulation 2 shall be :—

Oath or  
Affirmation  
in relation to  
Questions  
III and IV.

“ I swear by Almighty God [or “ I do solemnly, sincerely and truly, declare and affirm ”] *(as the case may be)* that I am the same person whose name appears as A.B. [on the proxy paper issued in respect of C.D.] *(or where the proxy is permitted to vote without producing a proxy paper)* [on the list of proxies for this election] as entitled to vote as proxy on behalf of C.D., and that I have not already voted as proxy on behalf of C.D., either here or elsewhere, at this election for the Parliamentary Constituency of *(here add the name of the Constituency to which the election relates)* ”.

6. The Oath or Affirmation to be administered in relation to Questions V, VI, VII and VIII in paragraph (c) of Regulation 2 shall be :—

Oath or  
Affirmation  
in relation to  
Questions V,  
VI, VII,  
and VIII.

“ I swear by Almighty God [or “ I do solemnly, sincerely and truly, declare and affirm ”] *(as the case may be)* that [ *(in the case of Question V)* I have not already voted at this general election in respect of a residence qualification] or [ *(in the case of Question VI)* I have not already voted at this general election in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification] or [ *(in the case of a proxy voting on behalf of a person in respect of a residence qualification)* I have not already voted at this general election on behalf of C.D. in respect of a residence qualification] or [ *(in the case of a proxy voting on behalf of a person in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification)* I have not already voted at this general election on behalf of C.D. in respect of a qualification other than a residence qualification] *(as the case may be)* ”.

## PART II — VOTING BY POST

### *Preliminary*

7. For the purposes of paragraph (b) of sub-section 2 of Section Postal Forty-two of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, the postal voting area shall be—

- (a) Great Britain.
- (b) Isle of Man.
- (c) Channel Islands.
- (d) Eire.

Postal  
Voting List.

8. If, after the initiation of an election in any constituency, and not later than three clear days before the day fixed for nominations at the election, the Electoral Officer for the County or County Borough in which the constituency is situated receives, in the form set out in the Schedule hereto, from any person registered as a Parliamentary elector in the constituency other than a person registered by virtue of a Service qualification, an application to vote by post at the election, he shall, after satisfying himself that either—

- (a) the postal address furnished with the application, to which a postal ballot paper is to be sent, is outside Northern Ireland but within the prescribed postal voting area ; or
- (b) the postal address furnished, although within Northern Ireland, is accompanied by a certificate by a registered medical practitioner that the applicant will be prevented by illness or other physical incapacity from voting in person at the election ;

enter the name of the applicant in a List of Postal Voters prepared in the form set out in the Schedule hereto, and the said List shall be the Postal Voting List for that election but for no other election.

Application  
of Ballot  
Act, 1872.

9.—(1) Sections Four and Eleven of the Ballot Act, 1872, shall apply with the necessary modifications to officers, assistants, clerks or agents in attendance at the proceedings on the issue of ballot papers, or at the proceedings on the receipt of ballot papers, as they apply to officers, assistants, clerks or agents in attendance at Polling Stations.

(2) The following provisions of the Ballot Act, 1872, that is to say, Section Three, and Rules 39 to 42 inclusive, 48, 49, and 51 to 55 inclusive, in Part I of the First Schedule, shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Part of these Regulations, with such modifications as are necessary to make them applicable to the provisions thereof, and in particular with the substitution in Rules 52 and 54 of the issue of the ballot papers or of the opening of the postal voters' ballot boxes for the opening of the poll, and with the substitution for any reference in any of the said Rules for the expression " Clerk of the Crown in Chancery " of the expression " Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland ".

(3) In this Part of these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression " Agent " includes the election agent of the candidate and any person appointed by any such election agent to be present at the issue or opening of ballot papers and the expression " issue " includes the original and any subsequent issue.

Form of  
Ballot Paper  
and declara-  
tion of  
identity.

10.—(1) The ballot papers to be sent to postal voters shall be in the same form as, and indistinguishable from, the ballot papers delivered to other electors.

(2) A declaration of identity shall be sent with the ballot paper to each postal voter and shall be in the form set out in the Schedule

hereto, or in a form to the like effect, and shall have printed on the back thereof the instructions to the voter set out in that Schedule, which instructions shall have effect as though they were contained in this Part of these Regulations.

11.—(1) The Returning Officer, his assistants and clerks, the election agent of each candidate, or some person appointed by such election agent and no other person, may be present at the proceedings on the issue of ballot papers and on the opening of the postal voters' ballot boxes and the envelopes contained therein.

(2) Where the ballot papers are to be issued or the envelopes contained in the postal voters' ballot boxes are to be opened simultaneously in two or more batches, the election agent of each candidate may appoint such number of persons as he may be authorised by the Returning Officer to appoint, not exceeding the number of such batches, to be present with him or on his behalf at such issue or opening :

Provided that no election agent shall be authorised by the Returning Officer to appoint a larger number of persons than any other election agent.

12.—(1) The number of an elector in the Postal Voting List shall be his number within the meaning of Section Two of, and Rule 24 in Part I of the First Schedule to, the Ballot Act, 1872, for the purpose of voting by post.

(2) In the case of a voter voting by post, the distinctive number of the polling district shall not be deemed to be part of the number of the elector within the meaning of Section Two, of, and Rule 24 in Part I of the First Schedule to, the Ballot Act, 1872.

*Proceedings on issue of Ballot Papers*

13.—(1) The Returning Officer shall, not later than the day of nomination of candidates at an election, give the election agent of each candidate notice of the time and place at which he will issue the ballot papers, and of the number of persons each agent may appoint to attend the said issue.

Where any subsequent issue of ballot papers is made, the Returning Officer shall give the election agent of each candidate, as soon as practicable, notice of the time and place at which he will make such subsequent issue and of the number of persons each agent may appoint to attend such issue.

(2) Each ballot paper issued shall be marked on both sides with the official mark either stamped or perforated, and the number, name and description of the elector as stated in the postal voting list shall be called out, and such number shall be marked on the counterfoil, and a mark shall be placed in a copy of the postal voting list against the

number of the elector to denote that a ballot paper has been issued to the elector, but without showing the particular ballot paper issued to him.

(3) The Returning Officer shall enter or cause to be marked upon the form of declaration of identity the number of the ballot paper.

(4) The Returning Officer shall place in an envelope addressed to the postal voter at the recorded address :—

(a) the ballot paper ;

(b) the form of declaration of identity ;

(c) an envelope addressed to the Returning Officer (hereinafter referred to as a " covering envelope " ) ;

(d) a smaller envelope marked " ballot paper envelope " bearing the number of the ballot paper ;

and shall effectually close such first-mentioned envelope.

The above-mentioned envelopes shall be in the respective forms set out in the Schedule hereto.

(5) Where a Returning Officer is satisfied that two or more entries in the postal voting list for a constituency relate to the same person, he shall not issue more than one ballot paper in respect of those entries.

(6) All envelopes addressed to the postal voters shall be counted and forthwith delivered by the Returning Officer to the nearest Head Post Office, or such other office as may be arranged with the Head Postmaster, and the Postmaster shall stamp with the Post Office date stamp a form of receipt to be presented by the Returning Officer stating the number of envelopes so delivered, and shall immediately forward such envelopes for delivery to the persons to whom they are addressed.

(7) Where an envelope containing a ballot paper and the other documents referred to in this regulation is returned to the Returning Officer as not having been delivered to a postal voter, the Returning Officer may re-address the envelope to any address to which he could send a ballot paper for that voter if he were then sending it for the first time.

Provision of  
Postal  
Voters'  
Ballot Boxes.

14.—(1) The Returning Officer shall provide a ballot box or ballot boxes for the reception of the covering envelopes when returned by the voters.

(2) Every such ballot box shall be shown open and empty to the agents present, and shall be sealed with the Seal of the Returning Officer and the seals of such of the agents as desire to affix their seals, and shall be marked " postal voters' ballot box " and with the name of the constituency, and the Returning Officer shall make provision for the safe custody of such ballot box.



*Proceedings on receipt of Ballot Papers*

15. The Returning Officer shall, immediately on receipt of covering envelopes, place them unopened in a postal voters' ballot box.

Envelopes to  
be placed in  
Postal  
Voters'  
Ballot Boxes.

16.—(1) The postal voters' ballot boxes shall be opened by the Returning Officer, in the presence of the agents, before the time fixed for the counting of the votes.

Opening of  
Postal  
Voters'  
Ballot Boxes.

(2) The Returning Officer shall give the election agent of each candidate at least twenty-four hours' notice in writing of the time and place at which he will proceed to open the postal voters' ballot boxes and the envelopes contained therein, and of the number of persons such agent may appoint to be present at the opening.

(3) When a postal voters' ballot box has been opened, the Returning Officer shall count and note the number of envelopes, and shall then open each covering envelope separately, examine the declaration of identity, and compare the number thereon with the number on the ballot paper envelope.

(4) If the numbers agree and the declaration of identity is found to be duly signed and authenticated, he shall place the declaration of identity and the ballot paper envelope in separate receptacles.

(5) If he is not satisfied that the declaration of identity has been duly signed and authenticated, he shall endorse the declaration of identity "vote rejected" and shall attach thereto the ballot paper envelope, without opening such envelope, or if there is no such envelope, the ballot paper.

(6) If he finds that the numbers on the declaration of identity and on the ballot paper envelope do not agree, or if the envelope has no number on it, he shall open the envelope, and if the number on the ballot paper agrees with the number on the declaration of identity he shall place the ballot paper in the ballot box referred to in paragraph (2) of Regulation 18 of these Regulations.

(7) In every case in which the number on the ballot paper does not agree with the number on the declaration of identity, he shall replace the ballot paper in its envelope (if any), attach such envelope or ballot paper as the case may be to the declaration of identity, and endorse the declaration of identity "vote rejected".

(8) Where a declaration of identity does not appear to accompany the ballot paper envelope, the Returning Officer shall open the envelope, and if it is found to contain the declaration of identity, he shall deal with such declaration and ballot paper in accordance with the regulations in this Part of these Regulations.

(9) Any declaration not accompanied by a ballot paper, and any ballot paper not accompanied by a declaration of identity, shall be marked "rejected".

(10) Where a ballot paper and declaration of identity are received together and the numbers thereon agree, the ballot paper shall not be rejected solely on the ground of non-compliance with paragraph 5 of the instructions to the voter set out in the Schedule hereto.

Rejected  
declarations  
of identity.

17.—(1) The Returning Officer shall show any declaration of identity which he proposes to reject on the ground that it has not been properly signed and authenticated to the agents, and if an objection is made by any agent to his decision shall add to the endorsement the words "rejection objected to".

(2) The Returning Officer shall keep all rejected declarations, with the attached envelopes or ballot papers as the case may be, separate from other documents.

Ballot papers  
to be placed  
in Postal  
Voters'  
Ballot Boxes.

18.—(1) When the covering envelopes in any postal voters' ballot box have been opened and their contents dealt with under the two preceding rules, the Returning Officer shall open each unopened ballot paper envelope and compare the number on the envelope with the number on the ballot paper.

(2) If the numbers agree he shall place the ballot paper in a ballot box previously shown and sealed in the manner provided in Regulation 14 of these Regulations which shall be subsequently treated as a ballot box for the purpose of Rule 34 in Part I of the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872.

(3) If the numbers do not agree he shall mark the ballot paper "rejected" and shall attach it to the envelope.

*Documents to be sent to the Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland*

Action to be  
taken after  
issue of  
ballot papers.

19. The Returning Officer, as soon as practicable after the completion of the issue of the ballot papers, and in the presence of the agents, shall make up in separate packets, sealed with his own seal and sealed by such of the agents as desire to affix their seals, the marked copy of the postal voting list and the counterfoils of the ballot papers :

Provided that where any subsequent issue of ballot papers is made the sealed packet containing the marked copy of the postal voting list may be opened by the Returning Officer for the purposes of that issue, and on completion of that issue the list and the counterfoils of the ballot papers at that issue shall be made up and sealed in accordance with this regulation.

Action to be  
taken after  
examination  
of voting  
documents.

20. The Returning Officer shall seal up in separate packets (1) the declarations of identity which accompanied any ballot papers duly accepted, (2) any rejected declarations of identity, and (3) any rejected ballot papers ; in the two latter cases with the envelopes (if any) attached thereto.

21. Where covering envelopes are received by the Returning Officer after the close of the poll, or where any envelopes addressed to postal voters are returned as undelivered, the Returning Officer shall not open such envelopes and shall (subject to any power of readdressing the same) seal them up into separate packets.

Covering envelopes received after close of ballot or returned undelivered.

22. The Returning Officer shall forward to the Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland at the same time as he forwards the documents mentioned in Rule 38 of Part I of the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, 1872—

Documents to be furnished to Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland.

- (a) any packets referred to in the foregoing provisions of this part of these Regulations ; and
- (b) a statement in the form set out in the Schedule hereto showing the number of ballot papers sent to postal voters, and giving with respect to such papers the particulars required by the form.

23. Any envelopes returned as undelivered, and any covering envelopes received by the Returning Officer, after the said packets have been forwarded to the Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland, shall be retained unopened and forwarded subsequently.

Disposal of envelopes subsequently received.

### PART III — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

24. For the purposes of sub-sections (3) and (5) of Section Thirty-three of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, the manner of publishing notices relating to the appointment, or proposed appointment, of polling places in any polling district shall be :—

Notice of proposed appointment of Polling Places.

- (a) by advertisement in one or more newspapers circulating in the polling district ; and
- (b) by posters prominently displayed at suitable positions in the polling district ; and
- (c) in such other manner, if any, as the Council consider necessary in order to bring the appointment, or proposed appointment, adequately to the notice of persons concerned or interested.

25. Before the day fixed for the poll for any parliamentary election, the Electoral Officer shall mark in each copy of the Register at the election in connection with the issue of postal or other ballot papers—

Marking of Register.

- (a) the letter " A " against the name of every elector whose name has been included in the postal voting list ;
- (b) the letters " PC " against the name of every elector registered by virtue of a qualification other than a Service qualification who has appointed a proxy ;
- (c) the letters " PS " against the name of every elector entered in the Register by virtue of a Service qualification who has appointed a proxy.

26.—(1) A ballot paper shall not be issued by the Presiding Officer at any polling station to any person claiming to vote in person in respect of any entry in the Register against which the letter " A " has been marked.

Issue of  
ballot papers  
in respect of  
marked  
entries.

(2) A ballot paper shall not be issued by the Presiding Officer at any polling station to any person other than the duly appointed proxy claiming to vote in person in respect of any entry in the Register against which the letters " PC " have been marked.

(3) Where the letters " PS " are marked against an entry in the Register, the Presiding Officer at any polling station shall issue a ballot paper either to the elector to whom the entry relates or to his duly appointed proxy, whichever of the said two persons first claims to vote in person in respect of the entry.

Document  
of Identity.

27. For the purposes of Section Twenty-five of the Elections and Franchise Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, the document of identity to be produced for the inspection of the Presiding Officer by a person applying for a ballot paper shall be—

(a) an identity card issued pursuant to the provisions of the National Registration Act, 1939 ; or

(b) a valid British Passport ; or

(c) a Travel Permit Card ; or

(d) a document of identity issued by the Head or other Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in charge of a Station ; which bears the same name and address as are shown in the entry in the Register in respect of which the person is applying to vote.

28. The Certificate to be given by the Returning Officer under Sub-section (7) of Section Twenty-three of the Act of 1946 shall be in the form set out in the Schedule, hereto or in a form to the like effect.

Certificate  
under  
S. 23 (7)  
of the Act of  
1946.

29. Within twenty-eight days after the declaration of the result of any Parliamentary election, the Electoral Officer shall furnish to the Ministry particulars of the number of service and of other electors respectively entitled to vote by duly appointed proxies whose appointments were valid for the purposes of that election, together with copies of the following returns made by the Electoral Officer, as Returning Officer for the election, to the Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland, that is to say :—

(a) Statement with respect to ballot papers sent to Postal Voters.

(b) Report as to ballot papers rejected and not counted : and verification of ballot paper account.

(c) Notice of result of uncontested election.

(d) Notice of result of ballot.

Returns to  
be made by  
Electoral  
Officers to  
Ministry  
after Parlia-  
mentary  
Elections.

Interpreta-  
tion.

30.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby attributed to them—

(a) the expression " Ministry " means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;

(b) the expression " postal voter " means an elector whose name is entered in the postal voting list for any election ;

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

31.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Electoral (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946. Citation an-  
commence-  
ment.

(2) Regulations 24, 30 and 31 of these Regulations shall come into force on the date hereof. Regulations 1 to 23 inclusive and 25 to 29 inclusive shall come into force on the 15th day of August, 1946.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this fourth day of September, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-six, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. B. O'Neill,

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

E.F. 20 (N.I.) POSTAL VOTER'S APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 42 (1) (a) OF THE ACT.

(ABSENCE FROM NORTHERN IRELAND)

| To the Electoral Officer  | Constituency of..... |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. Name of Voter in full  |                      |
| 2. Registered No. in Register   |                      |
| 3. Polling District   |                      |
| 4. Qualifying Address   |                      |
| 5. State :—<br>(a) Reason for ; and<br>(b) Expected length of absence<br>from Northern Ireland  | (a)<br>(b)           |
| 6. Address to which ballot paper<br>is to be sent   |                      |
| 7. If application is being made <i>on<br/>behalf</i> of the Voter, state :—<br>(a) Relationship of applicant<br>to Voter<br>(b) Constituency for which the<br>applicant is registered as a<br>parliamentary elector | (a)<br>(b)           |



I hereby declare that by reason of illness (or other physical incapacity) the person named at 1 above will be unable to vote in person at the pending parliamentary election, and I enclose the requisite medical certificate.

Date ..... Signature of Voter or of person applying on behalf of Voter

.....  
Address of person applying on behalf of Voter  
.....  
.....

- NOTE:—1. An application to vote by post must be received by the Electoral Officer at least three clear days before the day fixed for nomination for the election.
2. A person applying on behalf of an elector must be the husband, wife, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, son or daughter of the elector and must be registered as a parliamentary elector in a constituency in Northern Ireland.
3. If this form is sent to the Electoral Officer by post, postage must be prepaid.

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FORM OF LIST OF POSTAL VOTERS.

Constituency..... Parliamentary Election initiated.....

| Serial No. | Registered No. | Name of Voter | Address to which Ballot Paper is to be sent. |
|------------|----------------|---------------|--|
|            |                |               |  |

- NOTE:—1. The number of the voter to be entered in accordance with Rule 24 of the First Schedule to the Ballot Act, on the Counterfoil of the Ballot Paper is the serial number shown in the first column of the Postal Voting List.
2. The distinctive number of the Polling District is in all cases to be incorporated in the elector's registered number shown in the Second Column of the Postal Voting List.

ELECTIONS AND FRANCHISE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

FORM OF DECLARATION OF IDENTITY.

(Front of Form)

Ballot Paper No. ....

DECLARATION OF IDENTITY.

I hereby declare that I am the person to whom the ballot paper numbered as

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above and the envelope in which it was enclosed (both of which I now produce) were sent.

Voter's signature.....

The above-named, who is personally known to me, has produced the ballot paper and the envelope above referred to, and has signed the above declaration in my presence.

Signature of Witness.....

Address of Witness .....

(See Instructions on the back of this Form)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER.

1. Before marking the accompanying ballot paper the voter must produce
  - (i) The ballot paper showing the number thereon ;
  - (ii) This paper ; and
  - (iii) The envelope in which the voter has received the ballot paper ;
 to some person to whom the voter is known, who will witness the declaration of identity (see other side).
2. The voter must sign the declaration of identity in the presence of the witness.
3. The voter may not vote for more than.....candidate(s).
4. The voter must vote by marking the ballot paper on the right hand side with a cross opposite the name of (the) (each) candidate for whom he or she votes, thus X. The voter should not allow any person to see how he or she has voted.
5. Immediately after voting the voter must place the marked ballot paper in the enclosed small envelope on which are printed the words " Ballot paper envelope ", and fasten it up. The voter must then place the ballot paper envelope, together with this paper, in the other larger enclosed envelope addressed to the Returning Officer and despatch the same by post without delay. Unless the voter returns the ballot paper at once it may be too late to be counted.
6. If more than one ballot paper is received it must be remembered that only one ballot paper may be marked in respect of a residence qualification. A second ballot paper, however, may be marked either (a) in respect of a business premises occupied by the voter, or by the voter's wife or husband, in another constituency, or (b) for a university constituency.

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FORM OF ENVELOPES TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH POSTAL VOTING.

1. FORM OF ENVELOPE TO BE ADDRESSED TO POSTAL VOTERS.

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| <p>PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION — BALLOT PAPER.</p> <p>The Voter should open this envelope at once and keep it until he has Voted.</p> <p>(See enclosed Instructions)</p> |
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| <p>If not delivered return unopened to—</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>   |



2. FORM OF ENVELOPE TO BE ADDRESSED TO RETURNING OFFICER.

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| PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.<br>Constituency of..... |
| To the Returning Officer<br>(Address) .....     |

3. FORM OF BALLOT PAPER ENVELOPE.

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| BALLOT PAPER ENVELOPE.<br>No. ....  |
| Ballot paper only to be enclosed in this envelope.<br><br>This envelope, together with the Declaration of Identity, must be placed in the envelope addressed to the Returning Officer.<br><br>Constituency..... |

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PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

Constituency of.....

Date .....

FORM E.F. 22 (N.I.) STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO BALLOT PAPERS SENT TO POSTAL VOTERS.

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|----|---|-----|-----|
| 1. | No. of ballot papers issued to postal voters  | ... | ... |
| 2. | No. of covering envelopes received by Returning Officer before the close of the Poll  | ... | ... |
| 3. | No. of ballot papers returned by postal voters which were included in the count of ballot papers  | ... | ... |
| 4. | No. of cases in which declarations of identity or ballot papers were endorsed by the Returning Officer "Vote rejected" or marked by him "Rejected" in pursuance of Regulation 16 (5), (7) and (9) and Regulation 18 (3) of the Electoral (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1946 | ... | ... |
| 5. | No. of covering envelopes received by Returning Officer after the close of the Poll   | ... | ... |
| 6. | No. of cases in which envelopes sent to postal voters were returned as undelivered  | ... | ... |

7. No. of cases in which covering envelopes have not been received by  
Returning Officer at date of statement ... ..

.....  
Returning Officer.

Address .....

Date .....

NOTE.—*At the same time as the Statement is sent to the Clerk of the Crown in Northern Ireland, a copy of it must be forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Stormont, Belfast.*

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FORM OF CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 23 (7) OF THE ACT.

Constituency of.....

I, the Returning Officer for the above constituency, hereby certify that A.B., being numbered                      on the register of voters for the                      Polling District of the above-mentioned constituency is employed by me for purposes in connection with an election for the said constituency, and that the circumstances of his employment are in my opinion such as to prevent him from voting at the polling station at which he would otherwise be entitled to vote, and I accordingly authorise him to vote at the polling station                      at the polling place.

Signed.....

Returning Officer.

N.B.—In the case of a person entitled to vote as proxy the above certificate should run :—

I, the Returning Officer for the above constituency, hereby certify that C.D., being entitled to vote as proxy for A.B., numbered                      on the register of electors for the                      Polling District, etc.

**House of Commons of Northern Ireland**

**Returning Officers' Charges**

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH JANUARY, 1946, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE UNDER SECTION TWENTY-NINE OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT, 1918, (7 AND 8 GEO. 5 C. 64), AS APPLIED FOR THE PURPOSES OF ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF NORTHERN IRELAND, AMENDING THE SCALE OF MAXIMUM CHARGES OF RETURNING OFFICERS AT SUCH ELECTIONS PRESCRIBED BY REGULATIONS DATED THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MAY, 1945, AND THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, 1945.\*

1946. No. 6

In pursuance of the powers conferred upon the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") by Section Twenty-nine of

\* S. R. & O. 1945. No. 58.  
S. R. & O. 1945. No. 67.