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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1

Section 1(1).

#### POLLS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 1

##### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** Sch. 1 amended (16.2.2001) by [2000 c. 41, s. 102](#) (with [s. 156\(6\)](#)); [S.I. 2001/222, art. 2](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)

- 1 The Secretary of State may by order direct the holding of a poll for the purposes of section 1 on a date specified in the order.
- 2 Subject to paragraph 3, the Secretary of State shall exercise the power under paragraph 1 if at any time it appears likely to him that a majority of those voting would express a wish that Northern Ireland should cease to be part of the United Kingdom and form part of a united Ireland.
- 3 The Secretary of State shall not make an order under paragraph 1 earlier than seven years after the holding of a previous poll under this Schedule.
- 4 (1) An order under this Schedule directing the holding of a poll shall specify—
  - (a) the persons entitled to vote; and
  - (b) the question or questions to be asked.(2) An order—
  - (a) may include any other provision about the poll which the Secretary of State thinks expedient (including the creation of criminal offences); and
  - (b) may apply (with or without modification) any provision of, or made under, any enactment.

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