



# Electoral Administration Act 2006

## CHAPTER 22

### ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION ACT 2006

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Part 1 — ANONYMOUS REGISTRATION

*The Juries Act 1974 (c. 23)*

1 In section 3 of the Juries Act 1974 (electoral register...

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### *The 1983 Act*

- 2 The 1983 Act is amended in accordance with paragraphs 3...
- 3 In section 4 (entitlement to be registered as parliamentary or...
- 4 (1) Section 9 (registers of electors) is amended as follows....
- 5 In section 10 (maintenance of registers: annual canvass), in subsection...
- 6 (1) Section 10A (maintenance of the registers: registration of electors)...
- 7 In section 49 (effect of registers), after subsection (4) insert—...
- 8 In section 56 (registration appeals), in subsection (1) after paragraph...
- 9 (1) Section 62 (offences as to declarations) is amended as...
- 10 (1) Section 91 (candidate's right to send election address post...
- 11 In section 121 (presentation and service of parliamentary election  
petition),...
- 12 In section 128 (presentation of petition questioning local election),  
after...
- 13 (1) Section 202(1) (general provisions as to interpretation) is amended...
- 14 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows....
- 15 (1) Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...
- 16 In Schedule 2A (control of donations to candidates), the existing...

### *The Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50)*

- 17 (1) Section 3 of the Representation of the People Act...

### *The Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29)*

- 18 (1) Section 17A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999...

### *The Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2)*

- 19 Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act 2000...
- 20 (1) Paragraph 3 is amended as follows.
- 21 In paragraph 4, after sub-paragraph (2) insert—
- 22 In paragraph 5, after sub-paragraph (3) insert—
- 23 In paragraph 7, after sub-paragraph (8) insert—

### *The 2000 Act*

- 24 The 2000 Act is amended as follows.
- 25 In section 65 (submission of donation reports to Commission), after...
- 26 In paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 (details to be given...
- 27 The existing text of paragraph 3 of that Schedule becomes...
- 28 In Schedule 7 (control of donations to individuals and members...
- 29 In Schedule 11 (control of donations to recognised third parties),...
- 30 In Schedule 15 (control of donations to permitted participants), in...
- Part 2 — ALTERATION OF REGISTERS: PENDING ELECTIONS
- 31 The 1983 Act is amended as follows.
- 32 In section 13A(4) (alteration of registers), after “section 13B(3)” insert...
- 33 Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows.
- 34 In rule 29 (equipment of polling stations) after paragraph (5)...
- 35 In rule 38 (votes marked by presiding officer), after paragraph...
- 36 In rule 39 (voting by person with disabilities), after paragraph...
- 37 In rule 40 (tendered ballot papers), after paragraph (4A) (inserted...
- 38 After rule 41 (spoilt ballot papers) insert— Correction of errors...
- 39 In rule 43 (procedure on close of poll)—

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- 40 In rule 55 (delivery of documents to Clerk of the...  
Part 3 — STANDING FOR ELECTION
- European Parliament*
- 41 (1) Section 10 of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002...
- Greater London Authority*
- 42 (1) Section 20 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999...
- Local authorities in England and Wales*
- 43 (1) Section 79 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c....
- National Assembly for Wales*
- 44 In section 13(2) of the Government of Wales Act 1998...
- Scottish Parliament*
- 45 In section 16(2) of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46)...
- Local authorities in Scotland*
- 46 (1) Section 29 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973...
- Councillors in Northern Ireland*
- 47 (1) Section 3 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland)...  
Part 4 — OMISSION OF REFERENCES TO MAUNDY THURSDAY
- The Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 (C. 14)*
- 48 In Schedule 5 to the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland)...
- The 1983 Act*
- 49 The 1983 Act is amended in accordance with paragraphs 50...  
50 In section 40(1) (timing as to local elections in England...  
51 (1) In section 119(2) (computation of time for purposes of...  
52 In rule 2(1) of Schedule 1 (computation of time for...
- The Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50)*
- 53 In section 19(6) of the Representation of the People Act...
- The 2000 Act*
- 54 In section 77(9) of the 2000 Act (computation of time...  
Part 5 — CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS
- THE ELECTORAL LAW ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1962*
- 55 The Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 (C. 14) is...
- Attendance at election proceedings*
- 56 In Schedule 5 (local elections rules), in rule 9 (right...

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- 57 In rule 29 of that Schedule (admission to polling station)...
- 58 In rule 44 of that Schedule (attendance at counting of...

*Identifying marks and security markings on ballot papers etc.*

- 59 (1) Rule 16 of that Schedule (ballot papers) is amended...
- 60 (1) Rule 17 of that Schedule (the official mark) is...
- 61 (1) The Appendix of forms of that Schedule is amended...
- 62 (1) Paragraph 27 of Schedule 9 (electoral misdemeanours) is amended...

*Tendered votes in certain circumstances*

- 63 (1) In rule 37 of Schedule 5 (tendered ballot papers)...
- 64 In rule 32 of that Schedule (questions to be put...

*Assistance for persons with disabilities*

- 65 In rule 35 of Schedule 5 (votes marked by presiding...
- 66 In rule 36 of that Schedule (voting by persons with...
- 67 In rule 41 of that Schedule (procedure on close of...
- 68 In the Appendix of Forms in that Schedule, in Note...

*THE 1983 ACT*

- 69 The 1983 Act is amended in accordance with paragraphs 70...

*Official poll cards*

- 70 (1) Rule 28 of Schedule 1 (issue of official poll...

*Election expenses*

- 71 In section 76(1B) (limitation of election expenses) for “above” (in...

*Postal voting statement*

- 72 In section 65 (tampering with nomination papers, ballot papers etc.)...
- 73 (1) Rule 45 of Schedule 1 (the count at parliamentary...

*Questions to be put to voters*

- 74 For rule 35 of that Schedule (questions to be put...

*Voting procedure*

- 75 (1) For rule 37 of that Schedule (voting procedure) substitute—...

*Assistance for persons with disabilities*

- 76 In section 202 (general provisions as to interpretation), in subsection...
- 77 In rule 38 of Schedule 1 (votes marked by presiding...
- 78 In rule 39 of that Schedule (voting by persons with...
- 79 In rule 43 of that Schedule (procedure on close of...
- 80 In the Appendix of Forms in that Schedule, in Note...

*Tendered ballot papers*

- 81 (1) Rule 40 of that Schedule (tendered ballot papers) is...

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*Attendance at election proceedings*

- 82 In section 66(1) (requirement of secrecy) after paragraph (b) insert—...
- 83 (1) Rule 11 of Schedule 1 (right to attend nomination)...
- 84 In rule 32 of that Schedule (admission to polling station)...
- 85 (1) Rule 44 of that Schedule (attendance at counting of...

*Identifying marks and security markings on ballot papers etc.*

- 86 In section 66 (requirement of secrecy), in each of the...
- 87 In rule 19 of Schedule 1 (ballot papers at parliamentary...
- 88 (1) Rule 20 of that Schedule (the official mark at...
- 89 In rule 29 of that Schedule (equipment of polling stations...
- 90 (1) Rule 37 of that Schedule (voting procedure at parliamentary...
- 91 In rule 45 of that Schedule (the count), in paragraph...
- 92 In rule 47 of that Schedule (rejected ballot papers at...
- 93 (1) The Appendix of forms in that Schedule is amended...

*Cancellation of postal ballot papers*

- 94 In Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...

*Control of documents after parliamentary election: Northern Ireland*

- 95 (1) Schedule 1 (parliamentary elections rules) is amended as follows....

*Local government elections in Scotland*

- 96 The amendments made by paragraphs 72, 86 and 94 do...
  - Part 6 — CONTROL OF LOANS ETC. TO INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS ASSOCIATIONS
- 97 The 2000 Act is amended in accordance with paragraphs 98...
- 98 After section 71X (inserted by section 61 of this Act)...
- 99 After Schedule 7 insert— SCHEDULE 7A Control of loans etc...
- 100 In section 156(4) (provision about subordinate legislation), after paragraph (i)...
- 101 In Schedule 20 (penalties), after the entry relating to paragraph...
- 102 (1) The Secretary of State must not make an order...
  - Part 7 — MISCELLANEOUS

*The Family Law Reform Act 1969 (c. 46)*

- 103 In Schedule 2 to the Family Law Reform Act 1969...

*The 1983 Act*

- 104 The 1983 Act is amended in accordance with paragraphs 105...
- 105 In section 10 (maintenance of registers: annual canvass), in subsection...
- 106 In section 10A (maintenance of registers: registration of electors), in...
- 107 (1) Section 29 (payments by and to returning officer), as...
- 108 In section 31(2) (polling districts at local government elections in...
- 109 In section 53 (power to make regulations as to registration...
- 110 In section 58 (registration appeals: Northern Ireland), in subsection (1),...
- 111 In section 73 (payment of expenses through election agent), in...
- 112 (1) In section 74A (expenses incurred otherwise than for election...



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- 113 In section 75 (prohibition of expenses not authorised by election...
- 114 In section 81(9) (returns as to election expenses)—
- 115 In section 89(1A) (inspection of return containing statement of donations),...
- 116 In section 90 (election expenses at elections where election agent...
- 117 In section 90C (property, goods and services provided free of...
- 118 (1) Section 90D (modification of election expenses provisions relating to...
- 119 In section 118 (interpretation of Part 2), in the definition...
- 120 (1) Section 160 (persons reported personally guilty of corrupt or...
- 121 In section 168 (prosecutions for corrupt practice), in subsection (1)(a) (i)...
- 122 In section 173 (incapacities on conviction of corrupt or illegal...
- 123 (1) Section 173A (incapacity to hold public or judicial office...
- 124 In section 187 (application of Act to certain local elections)...
- 125 In section 191 (municipal elections in the City), in subsection...
- 126 In section 193 (personation and other voting offences), in paragraph...
- 127 In section 197 (candidate's expenses: ward, and liverymen in common...
- 128 (1) Section 202(1) (general interpretation) is amended as follows.
- 129 (1) Rule 6A of Schedule 1 (nomination papers: registered political...
- 130 In rule 12(3A) of that Schedule (decisions as to validity...
- 131 In rule 14(5) of that Schedule (statement of persons nominated:...
- 132 For rule 36 of that Schedule (challenge of voter) substitute—...
- 133 The amendments made by paragraphs 111, 112, 114, 117 and...

*The Representation of the People Act 1985 (c. 50)*

- 134 In section 6 of the Representation of the People Act...
- 135 (1) Schedule 1 to that Act (special polling stations in...

*The Caldey Island Act 1990 (c. 44)*

- 136 In section 4(1) of the Caldey Island Act 1990 (savings)...

*The Representation of the People Act 2000 (c. 2)*

- 137 (1) Schedule 4 to the Representation of the People Act...

*The 2000 Act*

- 138 The 2000 Act is amended as follows.
- 139 In section 3 (appointment of Electoral Commissioners and Commission chairman),...
- 140 In section 24 (office-holders to be registered), in subsection (4),...
- 141 In section 27 (financial structure of registered parties: accounting units),...
- 142 In section 29 (registration of party emblems), in subsection (2)...
- 143 (1) Section 34 (registration of minor parties) is amended as...
- 144 (1) Section 50 (definition of donations for the purposes of...
- 145 In section 52 (payments, services etc. not to be regarded...
- 146 (1) Section 53(4) (value of donations) is amended as follows....
- 147 In section 55(2) (payments from public funds to be treated...
- 148 (1) Section 62 (quarterly donation reports) is amended as follows....
- 149 In section 69 (register of recordable donations)—
- 150 (1) Section 146 (supervisory powers of Commission) is amended as...

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- 151 (1) Section 148(6) (general offences) is amended as follows.
- 152 In Schedule 1 (the Electoral Commission), in paragraph 3(3) (term...
- 153 In Schedule 6, after paragraph 5 insert— Application of reporting...
- 154 (1) Schedule 7 (donations to individuals and members associations by...
- 155 In Schedule 20 (penalties), omit the entries relating to section...

*European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003 (c. 7)*

- 156 In section 12 of the European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003—...

SCHEDULE 2 — Repeals

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