



# Electoral Administration Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 22

### PART 2

#### REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS

#### 10 **Anonymous registration**

(1) After section 9A of the 1983 Act (inserted by section 9(1) above) insert—

**“9B Anonymous registration**

- (1) This section applies if an application for registration in a register of parliamentary electors or local government electors is made in accordance with the requirements prescribed for the purposes of section 10A(1)(a) below and is accompanied by—
  - (a) an application under this section made in accordance with prescribed requirements (an application for an anonymous entry),
  - (b) a declaration made in accordance with such requirements for the purposes of this section, and
  - (c) such evidence in support of the application for an anonymous entry as may be prescribed.
- (2) If the registration officer determines that the person is entitled to be registered, he must also determine whether the safety test is satisfied.
- (3) If the registration officer determines that the safety test is satisfied—
  - (a) section 9(2) above does not apply in relation to the person; and
  - (b) the person's entry in the register shall instead contain letters in the prescribed form and his electoral number.
- (4) An entry containing the matters mentioned in subsection (3)(b) above is referred to in this Act as an anonymous entry.

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- (5) If an anonymous entry is made in respect of a person, the registration officer shall remove any other entry in the register for that person.
- (6) If the registration officer does not determine that the safety test is satisfied, no entry is to be made in respect of him in the register (whether an anonymous entry or otherwise).
- (7) Subsection (6) above does not affect—
  - (a) any other entry in the register for the person;
  - (b) the determination of any further application for registration which is made by the person (including an application which is treated as having been made by him by virtue of section 10A(2) below).
- (8) Any communication sent by a registration officer or the returning officer for any election to a person who has an anonymous entry (A) must be sent in an envelope or other form of covering so as not to disclose to any other person that A has an anonymous entry.
- (9) Subsection (8) does not apply to a communication relating only to a local government election in Scotland.
- (10) The safety test is satisfied if the safety of the applicant for an anonymous entry or that of any other person of the same household would be at risk if the register contains the name of the applicant or his qualifying address.
- (11) In this section, “determines” means determines in accordance with regulations.

### **9C Removal of anonymous entry**

- (1) If a person has an anonymous entry in a register, his entitlement to remain registered in pursuance of the application for registration mentioned in section 9B(1) terminates—
    - (a) at the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the date when the entry in the register first takes effect, or
    - (b) if the declaration made for the purposes of section 9B is cancelled at any time before the expiry of that 12 month period, at the time when the declaration is cancelled.
  - (2) Subsection (1) above does not affect the application of any other provision of this Act or of the Representation of the People Act 1985 which has the effect that the person's entitlement to registration terminates before the expiry of the 12 month period mentioned in subsection (1) or before the cancellation of the declaration made for the purposes of section 9B.
  - (3) If a person's entitlement to remain registered terminates by virtue of subsection (1) above, the registration officer concerned shall remove his entry from the register, unless he is entitled to remain registered with an anonymous entry in pursuance of a further application for registration accompanied by a further application under section 9B.”
- (2) Part 1 of Schedule 1 (which makes further provision in connection with anonymous registration) has effect.

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### Commencement Information

- II** S. 10 wholly in force at 1.1.2007; s. 10 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 77; s. 10 in force at 1.1.2007 by S.I. 2006/3412, art. 3, Sch. 1, (subject to transitional provisions in Schedule 2)

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