



# Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013

## CHAPTER 6

### ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013

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#### SCHEDULES

##### SCHEDULE 1 — Register of electors: alterations and removal

- 1 After section 10ZC of the Representation of the People Act...
- 2 (1) Registration officers in Great Britain must have regard to...
- 3 In section 13A(1)(d) of the Representation of the People Act...

##### SCHEDULE 2 — Sharing and checking information etc

- 1 Schedule 2 to the Representation of the People Act 1983...
- 2 After paragraph 1 insert— (1) Provision authorising or requiring a person to disclose information...
- 3 After paragraph 8B (inserted by section 2) insert— (1) Provision requiring the retention or disposal, or otherwise regulating...
- 4 In paragraph 13, after sub-paragraph (1ZA) insert—
- 5 In section 53 of the Representation of the People Act...

##### SCHEDULE 3 — Civil penalty for failing to make application when required by registration officer

In the Representation of the People Act 1983, before Schedule...

##### SCHEDULE 4 — Amendments to do with Part 1

##### *Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2)*

- 1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as...
- 2 In section 7 (residence: patients in mental hospitals who are...
- 3 In section 7A (residence: persons remanded in custody etc), in...
- 4 In section 7C (effect of declaration of local connection), in...
- 5 In section 9 (registers of electors), in subsection (2)—
- 6 (1) Section 9A (registration officers: duty to take necessary steps)...
- 7 (1) Section 9B (anonymous registration) is amended as follows.
- 8 (1) Section 9C (removal of anonymous entries) is amended as...
- 9 (1) Section 10 (maintenance of the registers: duty to conduct...
- 10 (1) Section 10A (maintenance of the registers: registration of electors)...
- 11 (1) Section 13 (publication of registers) is amended as follows....
- 12 (1) Section 13A (alteration of registers) is amended as follows....

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- 13 In section 13B (alteration of registers in Great Britain: pending...
- 14 Omit section 13BB (election falling within canvass period).
- 15 In section 15 (service declaration), in subsection (2), after paragraph...
- 16 (1) Section 49 (effect of registers) is amended as follows....
- 17 In section 54(1) (payment of expenses of registration), after “under...
- 18 In section 56(1) (registration appeals: England and Wales), for paragraphs...
- 19 In section 62 (offences as to declarations), in subsection (1A),...
- 20 (1) Schedule 2 (provisions which may be contained in regulations...

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

- 21 In section 2 of the Representation of the People Act...

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

- 22 In Schedule 1 to the Representation of the People Act...

*Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22)*

- 23 In Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (amendments),...

*Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 (c. 12)*

- 24 In the Political Parties and Elections Act 2009 the following...

SCHEDULE 5 — Transitional provision to do with Part 1  
PART 1 — INTRODUCTION

*Applications for registration etc made before commencement*

- 1 The amendments made by Part 1 of this Act do...

*Meaning of “commencement date”*

- 2 In this Schedule “commencement date” means the date appointed for...

*Meaning of “new application for registration” and “successful” new application*

- 3 (1) For the purposes of this Schedule, a person (“P”)...

*Checking of old entries and meaning of “confirmation” of entitlement to remain registered*

- 4 (1) The Minister may by order require a registration officer...

PART 2 — REMOVAL OF EXISTING REGISTRATIONS BY END OF THE THIRD  
NEW CANVASS

*Removal of certain existing registrations after the first new canvass*

- 5 (1) A registration officer in Great Britain must, immediately before...

*Removal of existing registrations after the third new canvass*

- 6 A registration officer in Great Britain must, immediately before the...

*This Part not to apply to persons within Part 5 or 6 below*

- 7 In this Part of this Schedule, references to a person...

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### PART 3 — ENCOURAGING NEW APPLICATIONS

*Registration officers to invite applications in year of first new canvass from those with existing registrations*

- 8 (1) A registration officer in Great Britain must, within a...

*Powers to delay canvasses and timing of canvasses*

- 9 (1) The Minister may by order— (a) postpone any canvass...

*Canvass forms need not be supplied to addresses to which invitations supplied*

- 10 (1) At the first new canvass, a registration officer is...

*Registration officers to invite applications in year of second new canvass from those with existing registrations*

- 11 (1) A registration officer in Great Britain must, on or...

*Invitations under paragraph 8 or 11 and power to require application following invitation*

- 12 The Minister may by order make provision in connection with...

- 13 (1) A registration officer who gives a person an invitation...

*Power to require additional information on poll cards at 2014 European Parliamentary election*

- 14 Regulations under section 7(1) of the European Parliamentary Elections Act...

*Certain provisions of this Part not to apply to persons within Part 5 or 6 below*

- 15 In this Part of this Schedule, references to a person...

### PART 4 — ABSENT VOTING

*Applicant for absent vote must have made successful new application for registration or had registration confirmed*

- 16 (1) For the purposes of an absent voting application made...

*Entitlement to absent vote ceases after first new canvass if no successful new application for registration or confirmation of registration*

- 17 (1) Sub-paragraph (2) applies if, on the day on which...

*Proxies to have made successful new application for registration or had registration confirmed*

- 18 A person is to be regarded as registered in a...

*Proxy for existing absent voter need not have made successful new application for registration or had registration confirmed until after first new canvass*

- 19 (1) The amendment made by section 3 (read with paragraph...

### PART 5 — PERSONS WITH EXISTING REGISTRATIONS BY VIRTUE OF DECLARATIONS ETC

*Meaning of “relevant person”*

20 (1) In this Part of this Schedule “relevant person” means...

*Relevant person's first renewal of registration after 3-month  
transitional period: successful new application required*

21 (1) On the first occasion after the transitional period on...

*Application for absent vote before first renewal of registration after 3-month transitional  
period: relevant person need not have made successful new application for registration*

22 (1) An absent voting application made by a relevant person...

*Proxy for relevant person need not have made successful new application for  
registration until relevant person's first successful new application for registration*

23 (1) The amendment made by section 3 of this Act...

PART 6 — PERSONS WITH EXISTING REGISTRATIONS BY VIRTUE OF  
SECTION 7(2) OR 7A(2) OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE  
ACT 1983

*Meaning of “relevant person”*

24 In this Part of this Schedule “relevant person” means a...

*Amendments not to apply to application made by relevant person  
before first renewal of registration after 3-month transitional period*

25 (1) The amendments made by Part 1 of this Act...

*Application for absent vote before first renewal of registration after 3-month transitional  
period: relevant person need not have made successful new application for registration*

26 (1) An absent voting application made by a relevant person...

*Proxy for relevant person need not have made successful new application for  
registration until relevant person's first successful new application for registration*

27 (1) The amendment made by section 3 of this Act...

PART 7 — SUPPLEMENTARY

*Power to bring forward effect of paragraph 6*

28 (1) The Minister may by order provide for paragraph 6...

*Power to make supplementary provision*

29 The Minister may by order make provision for supplementing, or...

*Interpretation of this Schedule*

30 (1) In this Schedule— “the first new canvass” means the...

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