

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2010 No. 2977

## The Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2010

### Citation and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2010.
- (2) This Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.
- (3) This Order does not apply to an election to fill a casual vacancy in a district council that occurred (within the meaning of section 11(5) of the 1962 Act <sup>M1</sup>) on or before the day on which this Order comes into force.

#### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1962 c.14 (N.I.); section 11(5) was amended by S.I. 1992/810 (N.I.6).

### Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Order—
  - “the 1962 Act” means the Electoral Law Act (Northern Ireland) 1962 <sup>M2</sup>;
  - “Local Elections Rules” means the rules in Schedule 5 to the 1962 Act <sup>M3</sup>; and
  - “the 1985 Order” means the Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 <sup>M4</sup>.
- (2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 <sup>M5</sup> applies to Article 1 and this Article and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

#### Marginal Citations

**M2** 1962 c. 14 (N.I.); relevant amendments are referenced in this Order.

**M3** Schedule 5 was substituted in its entirety by S.I. 1985/454; the local elections rules have been amended on numerous occasions since then and relevant amendments are referenced in this Order.

**M4** S.I. 1985/454; this Order has been amended by S.I. 1987/168; S.I. 1990/595; S.I. 1991/1715; S.I. 1992/809; S.I. 1997/867; S.I. 1998/3150; paragraph 31 of the Schedule to the Elections Act 2001 (c. 7) (a non-textual amendment); S.I. 2002/2835; and S.I. 2005/1969.

**M5** 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

### Date of next local elections

3. In 2011 the election day (within the meaning of section 11(1) <sup>M6</sup> of the 1962 Act) is the first Thursday in May (5th May).

#### Marginal Citations

**M6** Section 11(1) was amended by S.I. 2009/225.

### Amendments to the 1962 Act

4. Schedule 1 to this Order has effect.

### Amendments to the 1985 Order

5. Schedule 2 to this Order has effect.

### Amendments to the Elections Act 2001

- 6.—(1) The Schedule to the Elections Act 2001 <sup>M7</sup> is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 23 (voting by persons with disabilities)—
- (a) for “paragraph (4)” substitute “ paragraph (4A) ”; and
  - (b) renumber the inserted paragraphs (4A) and (4B) so that they become paragraphs (4B) and (4C).
- (3) In paragraph 28 (countermand or abandonment of poll on death of candidate)—
- (a) omit sub-paragraph (1);
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)—
    - (i) for “After paragraph (1)” substitute “ In rule 63 after paragraph (2) ”; and
    - (ii) renumber the inserted paragraph (1A) as paragraph (2A); and
  - (c) in sub-paragraph (3) for “For paragraph (2)” substitute “ In rule 64, for paragraphs (2) to (6) substitute ”.

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#### Marginal Citations

M7 2001 c. 7.

### [<sup>F1</sup>Supply of date of birth lists to police and pursuant to a court order

6A. Schedule 2A to this Order (supply of date of birth lists to police and pursuant to a court order) has effect.]

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#### Textual Amendments

F1 Art. 6A inserted (31.10.2023) by [The Local Elections \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1083\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(2)

### Access to marked registers and other documents after an election

7. Schedule 3 to this Order (access to marked registers and other documents open to public inspection after an election) has effect.

### Revocations

8.—(1) In Schedule 2 to the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 <sup>M8</sup>, the entry in respect of rule 33 of Schedule 5 to the 1962 Act is revoked.

(2) In the Postponement of Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Order 2009 <sup>M9</sup>, article 2(3) (which provides that section 11(1A) of the 1962 Act does not apply to the local general election in 2011) is revoked.

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**Marginal Citations**

**M8** [S.I. 1989/1341 \(N.I. 12\)](#).

**M9** [S.I. 2009/225](#).

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- Sch. 3 para. 4(1)(b) word omitted by [S.I. 2024/382 art. 11\(a\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 para. 4(1)(d) and word inserted by [S.I. 2024/382 art. 11\(b\)](#)